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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 16, 1978

PROGRAM: "Slides on Birds and Other Wildlife" with Dave Markeley. We will be unable to have the use of the West Auditorium at the Denver Museum of Natural History for our regular monthly meeting in January only, thus the meeting on the third Tuesday, January 16, 1979.

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DECEMBER 1978 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

DECEMBER 2, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leaders: Nancy Jones and Helen Singer.
TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

3, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery. Leader: Kathy Hawkins.
TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

1978 - DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - 1978

Compiled by David Hutchinson

The twenty-fifth annual Christmas Bird Count was held Saturday, December 16, 1978. One hundred and three species, four additional races and one form and about 16,936 individuals were reported. Mountain Bluebird and Loggerhead Shrike were reported during count week. The Count includes all points within a 7½ mile radius circle, center just North of Ken Caryl Ranch entrance, Jefferson County; elevation 5300 to 8938 ft.; habitat coverage: cottonwood streambanks 34%, transition-scrub/juniper 17%, ponderosa-Douglas fir forest 17%, prairie 13%, lakeside marshes 9%, residential 8%, forest fire burn 2%. 5:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. A.M.: clear. P.M. mostly clear. Temperature 6° to 40° F. Wind direction variable, SE to N, velocity 0-20 MPH. Snow cover 0-24 inches. Fresh water mostly frozen. Wild food crop fair. One hundred forty-nine observers, 110 in 36 parties, 39 at feeders. Total party-hours, 276 (206.5 on foot, 69.5 by cars plus 113 hours at feeders, 1 hour owling; total party miles 556.5 (148 on foot, 408.5 by car).

The ten most numerous species were: Starling 2766, Canada Goose 2727, Black-billed Magpie 1062, Rock Dove 993, Dark-eyed Junco 989, House Sparrow 731, Mallard 721, House Finch 670, Tree Sparrow 487, Red-winged Blackbird 462. Two species were reported for the first time. One Turkey was observed in Upper Deer Creek and two McCown's Longspurs were observed in the Middle South Platte West. Other species observed five or fewer times are: Western Grebe 1 (fourth observation), Virginia Rail 4 (fifth), California Gull 1 (fourth), Common (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 1 (second), Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 1 (fourth), Gray Jay 1 (third), Chestnut-collared Longspur 3 (second). All new and unusual sightings were substantiated by satisfactory details. Record high numbers were reported for the following species: Hooded Merganser 12, Red-tailed (Harlan's) Hawk 5, Prairie Falcon 4, Merlin 2, Turkey 1, Common (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 1, Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 1, Gray Jay 1, Scrub Jay 134, Bushtit 187 (four parties observing), McCown's Longspur 2, Chestnut-collared Longspur 3.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (LEADERS UNDERLINED):

- AREA 1-Red Rocks: Sylvia and Winston Brockner, John and Joyce Cooper, Care de Leeuw, Dolores Gable, Eleanor Hoover, Bob Rozinski.
- AREA 2-Lower Bear Creek: Bobby Ausfahl, Joe and Marion Borden, Henry and Vi Bossman, Phyllis Caswell, Lori Chappell, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer.
- AREA 3-BowMar: Peter Gent, Joe Roller, Bruce Webb.
- AREA 4A-Lower South Platte: Mary Jane Black, Christine Bonney, Charlotte Hawes, Jeff Overman, Bob Righter, Jo Trainor, Edie Trimmer, Phoebe Trimmer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler.
- AREA 4B-Lower South Platte: Helen Gross, Carl and Irma Wolf.
- AREA 5-Highline Ditch: Dennis Morales, Bill and Inez Prather.
- AREA 6-Plum Creek: Bev Engstrom, Polly Fields, Richard Franz, Fred Hager, Frank and Jan Justice.
- AREA 7A-Middle South Platte, West: David, Jeff and Karen Hutchinson, Bill and Sharon Hines.
- AREA 7B-Middle South Platte, East: Hugh Kingery, Sue Merrick, Ian Parsonson, Allen Stokes.
- AREA 8-Chatfield: Paul and Lesley Julian, Dieter Kamm, George McCutcheon, Bill Zwarties.
- AREA 9-Upper South Platte: Blake and Jerome Besser, John DeGrazio, Leslie Robinette, Willis Royall, Jr.
- AREA 10-Lower Deer Creek: Colin Murcay, Lynn Willcockson.
- AREA 11-Upper Deer Creek: Terry Flageolle, Larry Malone, Wayne Wathen.
- AREA 12-Yegge Peak: Gene Hendricks, Nancy Hurley, Marie Kolena, Dave McCargo.
- AREA 13-Doublehead Mountain: James and Jean Tate, Saba von Sturzbach.
- AREA 14-North Turkey Creek: Warren Finch, Mark Witmer.
- AREA 15-Indian Hills: Fran Enright, Carol Forsythe, Edna Thomas.
- AREA 16-Upper Bear Creek: Chris Blakeslee, Mel Gable, Catherine Martin.
- AREA 17-Ken Caryl Ranch: Margo and Ward Chadwick, Dave Jennings, Gladys Kingsolver, Kristin Loudon, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Tony Seese-Bieda.
- AREA 18-Ken Caryl West: Mark Ludlow, Peter Moulton, Diane Osborne, Barbara Stephenson, Judd and Linda Sundine.
- AREA 19-Morrison-Willowbrook Estates: Carol and Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Paul Rechel, Mildred Snyder.
- AREA 20-Willow Springs: Marilyn Allison, Patty Echelmeyer, Margaret Elliott, Ed Money, Diane and Don Mullineaux, Leona Rowe, Elly Walker.
- AREA 21-Mt. Lindo: Cynthia and Robert Buttery.

FEEDER OBSERVERS (PLAINS): Margaret Breen, Laura and Niki Franz, Charles and Teresa Fink, Jerome Grutza, Garth Magee, Marilyn McClintock, Honora Ragsdale, Connie Sebald, Pete Smythe, Nita Sarver, Marilyn True, Holly Vogt; (FOOTHILLS): Ruth and Duncan Beaton, Fay Benway, Gay Bishop, Lloyd Bishop, J. P. Fairall, W. N. Freeman, Cindy and

Matt Hrebar, Alicia Kamm, Lila Kent, Dee Magers, Thomas McClure, Grace McKinney, Doris and Harold McLaughlin, Mrs. M. S. M'Gillicuddy, Michael Murphy, Ray and Vera Nicodemus, David Stephensen, Mrs. Edward van Arsdale, Helen Waters.

(A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BE LEADERS!)

PART 1

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBC	3 BOW	4A LSP	4B LSP	5 HD	6 PC	7A MSP	7B MSP	8 CR	9 USP	10 LDC	11 UDC
Western Grebe			1										
Great Blue Heron		4	5	(3)	8	(1)		18	(9)	(3)			
Canada Goose		611	456	165	633	116		450	168	45			
Mallard		145	240	30	223		11	36	3	29	2		
Gadwall		1			3								
Pintail		3	20		8			1					
Green-winged Teal		8	1	1	41			27		56			
American Wigeon		54	177	4	26								
Northern Shoveler			12							1			
Wood Duck			2										
Redhead			5		8								
Ring-necked Duck			11		5								
Canvasback		2			3								
Greater Scaup					1								
Lesser Scaup		5	4										
Common Goldeneye		1	23	4	22			1	2				
Bufflehead					4			2					
Hooded Merganser					12								
Common Merganser			22		65			7	1	2			
Red-breasted Merganser								1					
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1						1			1		
Cooper's Hawk												1	
Red-tailed Hawk			1		1	1		3	(1)	(1)			1
Harlan's race					1	1		(2)		3			
Rough-legged Hawk				1		1		(1)	2			2	
Ferruginous Hawk								1					
Buteo sp.									1				
Golden Eagle	1										1		
Marsh Hawk					2	2		2		5			1
Prairie Falcon							(1)	1		2			
Merlin								1		1			
American Kestrel		2	1	1	1			2		1			
Ring-necked Pheasant					1			3	1	4		4	
Turkey													1
Virginia Rail					1	1				2			
American Coot		1	27		15			3		1			
Killdeer		8	1	4	3		1	3	1	7			
Common Snipe		4			2		3			1	1		
Herring Gull			38		6								
California Gull			1										
Ring-billed Gull			75	2	3					2			
Rock Dove	77	82	120	421	81	76	5				2		
Screech Owl								3					
Great Horned Owl					3		1	8	1	1		1	
Long-eared Owl								1				1	
Short-eared Owl								1					

AREA NUMBER	1	2	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11
LOCATION	RRP	LBC	BOW	LSP	LSP	HD	PC	MSP	MSP	CR	USP	LDC	UDC
Belted Kingfisher		5	4	4	5		2	8	(6)				
Common Flicker								17					
Red-shafted	12	26	16	21	14	9	10	7	2	6	4	2	
Yellow-shafted								1					
Hairy Woodpecker	1							1					
Downy Woodpecker				1	1	1	2	8	1	3	4	1	
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker													1
Horned Lark					2		30	70		59			
Gray Jay						1							
Blue Jay		1	1										
Steller's Jay	5										3	14	49
Scrub Jay	16										34	19	2
Black-billed Magpie	65	112	75	32	102	26	24	270	23	28	25	6	6
Common Raven	3				2			4	1	1	1	1	4
Common Crow			1	1		1	4	14		2	6	3	11
Black-capped Chickadee	8	11		10	12	12	26	25	18	8	40	8	16
Mountain Chickadee								3				11	56
Bushtit	20								10		33		
White-breasted Nuthatch		1										3	1
Pygmy Nuthatch												4	1
Brown Creeper	4	1						1			2	1	2
Dipper		1						9	(9)		1		
Long-billed Marsh Wren				2						2			
Canon Wren	6										2	1	
American Robin	7	17	26	9	14						5		
Townsend's Solitaire	14	2	1	1	1						9	1	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1								
Cedar Waxwing												4	
Northern Shrike					1			3	1	2		1	1
Starling		489	1200	225	280	66	2	35	5	14	1	2	
House Sparrow		143	15	120	108	16					30		
Western Meadowlark		3	1		19	7			3	2			
Red-winged Blackbird		139	50	25	29	42	6						
Brewer's Blackbird		5		11	30								
Evening Grosbeak		7							2				
Cassin's Finch						1							
House Finch	23	109	8	18	114	36			9	12	6		
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	47												
Black Rosy Finch	5												
Pine Siskin					4			5					
American Goldfinch					2			3	1	17	7	3	
Rufous-sided Towhee	4										2		
Dark-eyed Junco									1				
White-winged	7							1				1	
Slate-colored	36	7		2	5	32	22	2	10	1	12	3	
Oregon	106	29		10	9	9		13	52	10	73	18	5
Pink-sided form		6				21		8	3				
Gray-headed Junco	39	1		1	2			2		5	3	14	4
Junco sp.	29			13				22					
Tree Sparrow	7	10	1										

AREA NUMBER	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	FEED	FEED	GRAND
LOCATION	YP	DHM	NTC	IH	UBC	KCR	KCW	MWE	WS	ML	PLNS	FOOT	TOTAL
Killdeer									1				29
Common Snipe									2				13
Herring Gull													44
California Gull													1
Ring-billed Gull													82
Rock Dove				17		55		7	50				993
Mourning Dove											1		1
Screech Owl													3
Great Horned Owl													15
Long-eared Owl													2
Short-eared Owl													1
Belted Kingfisher									1				29
Common Flicker													18
Red-shafted		1	1		3	3	1	4	10		16	13	181
Yellow-shafted													1
Hairy Woodpecker		5	2	7	2		1			1		22	42
Downy Woodpecker		1	3	4			3	2		1	1	17	54
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker													1
Horned Lark						21							182
Gray Jay													1
Blue Jay											14		16
Steller's Jay	17	29	18	42	11		46	8	1	1	5	195	444
Scrub Jay					1		17	13	14	1	14	3	134
Black-billed Magpie		4	13	19	14	9	5	10	92	12	67	23	1062
Common Raven	7		6	2			2		7			2	39
Common Crow		43	15	25		50	2		14			78	270
Black-capped Chickadee			4	4	18	4	17	20	10	5	17	94	387
Mountain Chickadee	18	2	19	39	6		21			9	1	126	311
Bushtit		51								73			187
White-breasted Nuthatch	4		3	7			4					28	51
Red-breasted Nuthatch							2					8	10
Pygmy Nuthatch	14	25	22	46			3					66	181
Brown Creeper	1						3		1				16
Dipper					4			4	3				22
Long-billed Marsh Wren													4
Canon Wren					3	1		1					14
Mockingbird											1		1
American Robin					3		1	2	5	1	29	6	125
Townsend's Solitaire	4	2	3	4	11	3	7	1	1	33		4	111
Ruby-crowned Kinglet													1
Bohemian Waxwing												2	2
Cedar Waxwing												20	24
Northern Shrike		1							1			1	12
Starling		4		30		17		10	188		197	1	2766
House Sparrow				7		52		9	40		191		731
Western Meadowlark						1			20		6		62
Red-winged Blackbird									90		81		462
Brewer's Blackbird													46
Evening Grosbeak		60	5								57	78	209
Cassin's Finch		10	35	5								23	74
House Finch		2		30	2			27	66		201	7	670
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch													47

AREA NUMBER	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	FEED	FEED	GRAND
LOCATION	YP	DHM	NTC	IH	UBC	KCR	KCW	MWE	WS	ML	PLNS	FOOT	TOTAL
Black Rosy Finch												2	5
Rosy Finch sp.												27	2
Pine Siskin					1								38
American Goldfinch													33
Red Crossbill		7									4		11
Rufous-sided Towhee								2	2		1	1	12
Dark-eyed Junco		38					1						40
White-eyed				10								13	32
Slate-colored			3	9	1	1	1	10	10		26	105	298
Oregon			3	47	31	6	21	18	15		30	76	581
Pink-sided form													38
Gray-headed Junco		38	8	54	11	1	1	9	3		20	146	364
Junco sp.	29			28		20		35	20				196
Tree Sparrow				2				3	10		45		487
Harris' Sparrow									3				11
White-crowned Sparrow												1	18
White-throated Sparrow													1
Fox Sparrow													1
Lincoln's Sparrow													1
Song Sparrow					1			3	15				263
McCown's Longspur													2
Lapland Longspur													4
Chestnut-collared Longspur													3
Longspur sp.													14
TOTAL SPECIES	9	19	17	19	17	15	20	21	35	11	26	29	102
RACES			1	2	1	1	1	1	1		1	2	4
FORMS													1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	95	324	164	438	125	275	162	202	739	139	1078	1173	16936

NOTE: Numbers in parentheses are duplicate sightings. They are included in area totals but not in species totals.

1978 - CHRISTMAS PRECOUNT - 1978

Compiled by Carl Wolf

The Denver Christmas Bird Count "Precount" was held on December 9 and 10. Some 18 hardy souls braved the 15° to 40° weather and for up to eight hours at a time checked numerous ecological niches for birds. Success was modest. Some 63 species plus two races were seen. A total of 3917 individual birds were observed. No unusual species were observed. Large concentrations were noted of Great Blue Herons, Canada Geese, Black-capped Chickadees, Tree Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Mallards, Bohemian Waxwings and the ubiquitous Rock Dove. Every major and minor lake and stream in the area was frozen solid. The South Platte River had a few very small openings which attracted the waterfowl. Food on the ground was generally under 8 to 24 inches of snow. This same condition prevailed a week later in Cheyenne, Wyoming and the Christmas Bird Count day total was only 32 species! Fortunately, the Christmas Bird Count at Denver on December 16 yielded over 100 species. The obvious difference between December 9 and December 16 is that the weather moderated enough to let a small amount of water to unfreeze. Some five to eight times more observers helped but searching would have been fruitless if the river and small portions of streams and ponds had not thawed.

The CBC "Precount" summary is as follows (only 9 reports were received): Great Blue Heron-27, Canada Goose-1246, Mallard-213, Gadwall-8, Pintail-2, Green-winged Teal-96, American Wigeon-19, Shoveler-3, Redhead-1, Canvasback-1, Common Merganser-4, Sharp-

shinned Hawk-2, Red-tailed Hawk-2, Harlan's Hawk-1, Rough-legged Hawk-6, Golden Eagle-3, Marsh Harrier-4, Prairie Falcon-3, American Kestrel-12, Ring-necked Pheasant-4, American Coot-1, Killdeer-8, Common Snipe-5, Ring-billed Gull-1, Rock Dove-211, Great Horned Owl-4, Belted Kingfisher-6, Red-shafted Flicker-17, Hairy Woodpecker-1, Downy Woodpecker-14, Horned Lark-154, Blue Jay-1, Steller's Jay-24, Scrub Jay-6, Black-billed Magpie-171, Common Raven-4, Common Crow-26, Black-capped Chickadee-65, Mountain Chickadee-18, White-breasted Nuthatch-2, Pygmy Nuthatch-11, Brown Creeper-1, American Robin-19, Townsend's Solitaire-5, Ruby-crowned Kinglet-1, Water Pipit-3, Bohemian Waxwing-70, Loggerhead Shrike-1, Starling-407, House Sparrow-221, Western Meadowlark-48, Red-winged Blackbird-120, Brewer's Blackbird-20, House Finch-34, Pine Siskin-8, American Goldfinch-13, Rufous-sided Towhee-1, Dark-eyed Junco-120, Gray-headed Junco-15, Slate-colored Junco-35, Tree Sparrow-247, Harris' Sparrow-1, White-crowned Sparrow-4, White-throated Sparrow-4, Song Sparrow-106. TOTAL SPECIES-63. TOTAL INDIVIDUALS-3917.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1978 REPORTS:

Sharp-shinned Hawk 12-24 (1) Chatfield State Park (RF); 12-28 (1 adult) Lakewood (VR)
Cooper's Hawk 12-20 (1 immature) Lakewood (VR); 12-31 (1) Chatfield State Park (RF)
Bald Eagle 12-31 (1) Chatfield State Park (RF)
Merlin 12-23 (1) BowMar South (RF)
Mourning Dove 12-3 (1) Quebec near west gate to Fairmount Cemetery (KH)
Bushtit 12-27 (12) Morrison (PE)
Brown Thrasher 12-23 (1) BowMar South (RF)
Bohemian Waxwing 12-30 (20) Boulder (VR); 12-30 (33) BowMar South (RF)
Cedar Waxwing 12-14 (3) Monaco and 17th, East Denver (PE)
Common Grackle 12-30 & 12-31 (1) backyard feeder, Wheatridge (PE)
Pine Grosbeak 12-10 (6) Granby (PE)
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 12-3 (4), 12-5 (15), 12-6 (20+), 12-7 (150+), 12-8 (170+),
12-30 (110+), 12-31 (120+) backyard feeder, Green Mountain, Jefferson Co. (ME)
Black Rosy Finch 12-3 (4), 12-5 (40), 12-6 (60+), 12-7 (30+), 12-8 (30+), 12-30 (25+),
12-31 (50+) backyard feeder, Green Mountain, Jefferson Co. (ME)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 12-5 (2), 12-8 (2), 12-30 (1), 12-31 (1) backyard feeder,
Green Mountain, Jefferson Co. (ME)
Lapland Longspur 12-10 (1) Granby (PE)

CONTRIBUTORS: Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Margaret Elliott (ME), Richard Franz (RF), Kathy Hawkins (KH), Van Remsen (VR).

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1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcome. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be submitted in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with the summary submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 13, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
5. Deadline for all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1979

- FEBRUARY 3, Saturday. Castlewood Canyon State Park and Castle Rock. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. * (Jays, Nuthatches, possible Saw-whet, Pygmy Owls)
- 4, Sunday. Mount Falcon area. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9861). Meet at Indian Hills Post Office at 8:15 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, lunch optional. (Blue Grouse often seen, Townsend's Solitaire, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet)

FEBRUARY 10, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Dick Franz (795-8738). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center southwest corner (Sheridan north of Hampden) at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, lunch optional. (Wintering hawks, possible longspurs, Northern Shrike)

11, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Carpool at 25th and Sheridan at 7:45 A.M. and meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center (28th Street in Boulder) in King Soopers parking lot at 8:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip, lunch optional. (possible Winter Wren, Redpoll plus other wintering species)

17, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek to Morrison. Leader: Sadie Morrison (388-1488). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center southwest corner at 8:30 A.M. * (Kingfisher, Waxwings, Evening Grosbeak, possible Redpolls)

18, Sunday. Sloan's Lake and Wheatridge Green Belt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip, lunch optional. (Possible Barrow's Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, wintering ducks, possible Redpoll)

24, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at West Gate to Cherry Creek at 8:30 A.M. Extra cars will be left at nearby school lot * (Wintering gulls, hawks, ducks, and passerines)

25, Sunday. Evergreen and Squaw Mountain. Leader: Winston Brockner (674-4851). Meet at Public Service Company Parking Lot in North Evergreen at 8:30 A.M. * (Rosy Finches, Gray Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, possible Northern Three-toed Woodpecker)

* * * * * SPECIAL TRIP! ! ! FEBRUARY 17, Saturday evening OWL TRIP. Leader: Judd Sundine (423-6866). Anyone interested in searching for owls in Waterton Canyon from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. should call in advance. He will take your name and phone number. The search will be made only if weather is favorable. AND success is not guaranteed! ! !

* BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 27, 1979

PROGRAM: "Flora, Fauna and Feathered Friends at Chatfield" - a slide show including aerial views with Frank and Jan Justice and Hugh Kingery.

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JANUARY 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JANUARY 6, Saturday. Chatfield SP (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Stan Justice, Gladys Kingsolver, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; light breeze; 18°-25°). 5 hours, 23 miles. (28 species)
- 7, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observer: Jeff Offermann. (Clear; 10°). (24 species)
- 13, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt (BELT). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observer: Robert Spencer. (Clear, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of new snow; Wind, calm; minus 8°). (17 species)
- 14, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Leader: John Hannum. (Sunny to light overcast; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 0°-25°). 4½ hours. (17 species)
- 20, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir, Wiggins, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir (NECOL). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Warren Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Al Grant, Jeff Offermann, Dorothy Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Jim Standing. (Clear; Wind, NW, 25-35 MPH; 26°-40°). 10 hours, 262 miles. (40 species)
- 21, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRPK). Leader: Virginia Faxon. Observers: Tom Faxon, Tina Jones, Jim Standing, Vito Tursi. (Fair; Windy; 40°). 3 hours, 32 miles. (9 species)

JANUARY 27, Saturday. Southwest Denver area: Bear Valley Park and along the South Platte River from Hampden Ave. to Mississippi Ave. (SWDN). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. (Fair; Wind, light; 3⁰-25⁰). 5½ hours, 15 miles. (11 species)

28, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCRA). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, John Hannum, Barbara and Joe Leigh, Dorothy and Jack Reddall. (Sunny; minus 10⁰ to plus 18⁰). 3½ hours, 2 miles. (17 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	6 CHAT PLNS	7 BARR PLNS	13 BELT PLNS	14 CCRA PLNS	20 NECOL PLAIN	21 RRPK FOOT	27 SWDN PLNS	28 CCRA PLNS
Great Blue Heron					1			
Canada Goose	350	200		400	2000		230	3100
Mallard	15	400	2		7500		71	30
Gadwall	2						16	
Common Pintail	3							
Green-winged Teal	45				11			
American Wigeon	1				8		6	
Northern Shoveler							50	
Lesser Scaup	1	1						
Common Goldeneye	7				1 ma		6	1
Bufflehead	1							
Common Merganser	7			65				200
Red-tailed Hawk		1		2				1
"Western" race	3				4			
"Harlan's" race					1			
Rough-legged Hawk	3	3			14			
Ferruginous Hawk				2	2 ad			
Golden Eagle					2a, 11			
Bald Eagle					1a, 31			
Northern Harrier	2	2		2	14			2
Prairie Falcon					3			
Merlin		1			3			
American Kestrel	2		1	2	6	1		
Ring-necked Pheasant		3		8	1			15
American Coot							4	
Killdeer	6				1			
Common Snipe	3	1			3			
Glaucous Gull								1 im
Herring Gull				29				40
Ring-billed Gull				5	1		200	
Rock Dove		6	55		18	18		
Mourning Dove			10					
Great Horned Owl		1			2			4
Long-eared Owl								4
Belted Kingfisher	3						1	
Common Flicker								
"Yellow-shafted" race					1			
"Red-shafted" race	6	3	1		25			
Downy Woodpecker	2		1	1				
"Batchelder's" race					1 fe			

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	6 CHAT PLNS	7 BARR PLNS	13 BELT PLNS	14 CCRA PLNS	20 NECOL PLAIN	21 RRPK FOOT	27 SWDN PLNS	28 CCRA PLNS
Horned Lark	3	200		12	1235			22
Blue Jay					2			
Steller's Jay						2		
Scrub Jay						3		
Black-billed Magpie	14	30	45	22	106	12	2	11
Northern Raven	1							
American Crow	5				1	2		
Black-capped Chickadee	12		2	3	12			1
Brown Creeper		2						
North American Dipper			1					
American Robin			1		11			
Townsend's Solitaire						1		
Water Pipit					1			
European Starling	6	20	18	32	75		200	
House Sparrow		20	55		200			
Western Meadowlark		100			130			2
Red-winged Blackbird		500	7		14950			
Rusty Blackbird					7			
House Finch		10	18		100			
Pine Siskin		12						
Rufous-sided Towhee			1					
Northern Junco	6							
"Slate-colored" race		6	12					
"Oregon" race		6	28		2			
Gray-headed Junco						12		
American Tree Sparrow	55	50		38	50	2		24
White-crowned Sparrow				1				
White-throated Sparrow					1 ad			
Song Sparrow	7		1	31	15			4
Lapland Longspur		1						
TOTAL SPECIES-63	28	24	17	17	40	9	11	17

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1979 OBSERVATIONS:

Pied-billed Grebe 1-7 (1) South Platte River near Evans (BB)
 Black-crowned Night Heron 1-1 (1 immature) South Platte River-? (PE)
 Canada Goose 1-20 (1 "apparent albino") Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Hooded Merganser 1-7 (1) South Platte River near Evans (BB)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 1-20 (1 adult) Barr Lake State Park (RA)
 Cooper's Hawk 1-1 (1) Chatfield State Park (BB)
 Bald Eagle 1-1 (1) Waterton (BB); 1-20 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 Merlin 1-20 (1) Barr Lake State Park (RA); 1-20 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 Virginia Rail 1-7 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PR)
 Glaucous Gull All month (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (several observers)
 Great Horned Owl 1-9 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PR)
 Northern Pygmy Owl 1-1 (1) Red Rocks Park (BB)
 Bushtit 1-1 (75) US 285 at Morrison Exit (BB)
 North American Dipper 1-1 (1) & 1-7 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PR)
 Townsend's Solitaire 1-30 (1) 2695 S. Winona Ct., Denver (MS)
 Bohemian Waxwing 1-30 (125) 2695 S. Winona Ct., Denver (MS)
 Common Grackle All month (2) Wheatridge (PE)

Gray-crowned Rosy Finch All month (300) feeder, 970 S. Arbutus St., Lakewood (BB);
1-1 (120+), 1-2 (80+), 1-3 (24), 1-4 (60+), 1-5 (50+) backyard, Green Mountain (ME)
Black Rosy Finch All month (50) feeder, 970 S. Arbutus St., Lakewood (BB); 1-1 (40+),
1-2 (30+), 1-3 (10), 1-4 (25+), 1-5 (20+), 1-6 (6) backyard, Green Mountain (ME)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch All month (10) feeder, 970 S. Arbutus St., Lakewood (BB);
1-1 (2), 1-2 (1), 1-3 (1) backyard, Green Mountain (ME)

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Bob Buttery (BB), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Margaret Elliott (ME), Frank and Jan Justice (FJJ), Paul Rechel (PR), Mary Jane Schock (MS)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcome. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be submitted in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 1979 DUES BY FEBRUARY 28, 1979, YOUR NAME WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS!

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would like to lead a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

It is with deep regret that we learned of the death of Joe Borden. Joe, a long-time and active member of the Denver Field Ornithologists, died on Sunday, January 28, 1979.

ESCAPES CONCLUDED . . .

Whatever the case might be concerning the occurrence of an exotic species, there are several things to bear in mind:

1. Because a particular bird shows up in excellent plumage and acts as a wild bird normally would act doesn't necessarily prove that the bird is not an escape. Birds molt, and if an escape could survive in the wild environment for a protracted period of time, it would eventually shed its old garb for a new one taking on all the characteristics of a wild bird. Conversely, a bird which is in poor condition with ragged or frayed feathers does not mean for certain that it was of captive origin, although the probabilities are great that it was.
2. Evidence of nesting doesn't preclude that the breeding pair were not escapes. The suggestion of brood patches noted on the Red-eared Waxbills in Colorado Springs in 1971 could easily have been an indication of an attempt to rear young - and had conditions been right, success may have been attained. Whether the parents or offsprings or both could have survived our harsh winter weather is highly doubtful.
3. Banding or the lack of banding is not always a good indicator as to whether a given individual is an escape or not. Most aviculturists will band their adult breeders, particularly with Swans, Geese, Ducks and the like. But not all of them do! Smaller species may never be banded.
4. The widespread traffic involved in today's importation of great varieties of birds from all over the world only increases the chances of escapes showing up (and surviving!) in many surprising places. Florida alone is full of exotics and the proliferation continues (Bulbuls, Parrots, Parakeets, Finches and so on).

The problem eventually comes down to this: how long should it take and how well established must an introduced or escape species be before it can be considered countable as a wild bird? I would suspect there are widespread opinions to this question depending on whether one is an avid "lister" or more prone towards the scientific study of birds.

In the final analysis, the entire matter probably can best be summed up this way. When dealing with the unexpected occurrence of an exotic species, it is nearly impossible in most cases to determine whether or not it is truly a wild vagrant or just an escape. Thus it appears prudent to disregard exotic species such as Red-crested Pochards, Ruddy Sheld-Ducks and the like which occur in our area. They provide interest of course, and are fun to encounter and identify, but their presence provides little or no value to the avifauna of our region.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with the summary submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 13, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).

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INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS (continued):

5. Deadline for all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1979

- MARCH 3, Saturday. Northwest Denver lakes. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. * (Wintering ducks and gulls-possible Red-breasted and Hooded Merganser, Cinnamon Teal)
- 4, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Larry Malone (973-1149). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center in the Southwest corner at 7:30 A.M. * (Possible Lapland Longspur, Mountain Bluebirds, Harlan's Hawk, many ducks and gulls)
- 10, Saturday. Deer Creek, Turkey Creek and Mt. Lindo. Leaders: Hazel Kellogg (757-2868) and Merle Barbour (781-2904). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. * (Nuthatches, Towhees, Evening Grosbeak, possibly Pygmy Owl, maybe a Blue Grouse)
- 11, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History, north side parking lot at 8:00 A.M. * (late wintering birds plus early spring arrivals-ducks, shorebirds, passerines)
- 17, Saturday. Elizabeth, Kiowa and southeast cliffs. Leaders: Robert Glover (733-8745) and Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. * (Golden Eagle, hawks, Mountain Bluebird, Red Crossbill, Raven)
- 18, Sunday. Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall. Meet at Voyager Inn Motel (I-70 and Chambers Road) at 6:30 A.M. * We will drive directly to Prewitt Reservoir (2 hours) and return by way of Muir Springs and Jackson Reservoir. (Early spring migrants, concentrating on raptors on the return trip). Please call leader (771-5308) if you plan on going.
- 24, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center in the Southwest corner at 8:00 A.M. * (Grebes, Great Blue Heron, Double-crested Cormorant, possible Whistling Swan, Baird's Sandpiper, other early shorebirds)
- 25, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Kathryn Whipple (343-9793). Meet at West Gate to Cherry Creek R.A. at 8:00 A.M. (extra cars may be parked at nearby school. 1/2 day trip with lunch optional. (Great Horned, Long-eared, Short-eared, Burrowing Owls are all possible; Virginia Rail, shore birds)
- 31, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch. Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick (355-6829). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. or at the Ranch House at 8:30 A.M. * (Trip ends soon after lunch). (Mountain Bluebird, Mourning Dove, Burrowing Owl, White-throated Swift, early warblers)
- APRIL 1, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. 1/2 day trip with lunch optional. (Canyon Wren, Dipper, White-throated Swift plus other early passerines)

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FEBRUARY 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- FEBRUARY 3, Saturday. Castle Rock and Castlewood Canyon State Park (CSTL). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Jeff Offermann, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, light; cold). 7 hours, 55 miles. (17 species)
- 4, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Estes Park, Rocky Mountain N.P., Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley, Barr Lake S.P. and Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCOL). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, NE, 10-15 MPH; 15°-30°). 9 hours, 205 miles. (46 species)
- 4, Sunday. Mount Falcon Park (FL). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Robert Buttery, Carl Wolf. (Mostly sunny; Wind, calm; 15°-30°). 4½ hours. (7 species)
- 10, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Dick Franz. Observers: Frank and Jan Justice, Hazel Kellogg, Robert Spencer. (Clear to partly cloudy; 30°-55°). 13½ miles, 6½ hours. (40 species)
- 11, Sunday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Freeman Hall. Observers: Brian Mann, Joann Pettinicchio. 5 hours. (26 species)
- 17, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek to Morrison Picnic Area (LBCK). Leader: Sadie Morrison. Observers: Merle Barbour, Tina Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Edward Miller (Richland, Washington), Mary Robinson, Bob Rozinski, Robert Spencer, Carl Wolf. (Windy; cool). 7 hours, 28 miles. (32 species)

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- FEBRUARY 17, Saturday. "Owl Trip"-Waterton Canyon. Leaders: Judd and Linda Sundine. Observers: J. Cleary, M. J. Cleary, Bev Engstrom, Bart Engstrom, Polly Fields, Dieter Kamm, Maria Kuijper, Joan Szabo, Jo Trainor, Carl Wolf, Bill Zwartjes. (Wind, 0-7 MPH; 32°). "There were thirteen people that showed up for this count. We spent two hours in the canyon. We went 1/4 mile up into the canyon. We heard two Screech Owls but we could not spot-light either one" (Judd Sundine).
- 18, Sunday. Sloan's Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Maple Grove Reservoir (BELT). Leaders: Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux. Observers: Bev Engstrom, Polly Fields, Judy Robeck. (Clear; Wind, light and variable; 35°-45°). 13 miles, 4 hours. (26 species)
- 24, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Bob Buttery, Hazel Kellogg, Jack Reddall, Ruth Wheeler, Carl Wolf. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; 25°-40°). 5 1/2 hours. (35 species)
- 25, Sunday. Evergreen to Squaw Mountain (EV). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Sylvia B. Brockner, Warren Finch, Steve Ogden. (Clear; Wind, calm; 10°). (21 species)
- 25, Sunday. Greater Denver area: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, Chatfield S.P., Morrison, Centennial Park, gravel pits at 74th Ave. and I-76, Barr Lake S.P. and Cherry Creek Reservoir (DENVER). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, S, 0-10 MPH; 25°-55°; 10 1/2 hours, 190 miles. (62 species)

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Western Grebe					3					
Pied-billed Grebe										2
Great Blue Heron				2						4
Canada Goose		360		750	150	19	131	300		675
Mallard	25	100		150	201	9	151	50		3600
Gadwall						2		3		2
Common Pintail				3	6	9		10		550
Green-winged Teal				46		15		20		5
American Wigeon		120		6		23	37	12		140
EURASIAN WIGEON		1 ma								
Northern Shoveler						1	300	6		400
Redhead				13	10	1	101	4		110
Ring-necked Duck					150					155
Canvasback										2
Lesser Scaup				2			12			10
Common Goldeneye	50	5		9	3		14	2		18
Barrow's Goldeneye	1m									
Common Merganser	20	200		53	20		14	75		2625
Red-breasted Merganser							8			4
Sharp-shinned Hawk						4				
Red-tailed Hawk					1	3				
"Western" race		1						1	2	6
"Harlan's" race				1						2

FEBRUARY	3	4	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	25
AREA	CSTL	NCCOL	FL	CHAT	BLDR	LBCK	BELT	CCRA	EV	DENVER
HABITAT	FOOT	MT PLNS	MT	PLNS	FHPL	FH PL	PLNS	PLNS	MT	FH PLNS
Rough-legged Hawk		4		2				5		1
Ferruginous Hawk		1 ad						1 ad		2 ad
Golden Eagle		1 ad							2a	
Bald Eagle		1 ad		1						
Northern Harrier		2 ma		8				3		3
Prairie Falcon		1		1						
American Kestrel		9			1	1	1	1		5
Ring-necked Pheasant		2 ma						26		
American Coot				3	1		12			11
Killdeer							1	1		1
Common Snipe						2	2			
Least Sandpiper										1
Glaucous Gull		1 im		1				1		
Herring Gull		40		10	30		1	5		75
Thayer's Gull								1 im		
Ring-billed Gull		1		50	25		44	25		200
Rock Dove	5	220		18		38	35			85
Great Horned Owl				3	1			2		
Long-eared Owl								4		
Belted Kingfisher					1	1				2
Common Flicker					2					
"Red-shafted" race		1		3		2	1	1	1	3
Hairy Woodpecker									1	
"Rocky Mountain" race									1f	
Downy Woodpecker				2	1		1	4	1	
"Batchelder's" race									1f	
eastern races		1 fe								2 fe
Horned Lark		900		13				2		3
Gray Jay									6	
Steller's Jay	5				2	2			7	5
Scrub Jay	4					1				12
Black-billed Magpie	9	10	20	1	35	10	32	10	31	5
Northern Raven	3	4		1					4	2
American Crow	4	2	8	2				2		3
Clark's Nutcracker		7							5	
Black-capped Chickadee	4	7		17				8	4	2
Mountain Chickadee		5	6		3				10	3
White-breasted Nuthatch	2		1		2					4
Red-breasted Nuthatch									1	1
Pygmy Nuthatch	20	7	12						4	30
Brown Creeper	2		2		2				1	2
North American Dipper						1	1			1
Canyon Wren					1	1				1
American Robin		1	1	1		2	1			4
Townsend's Solitaire	3		5	1		1				3
Bohemian Waxwing		250				60				
Northern Shrike				2				1 ad	1	3
European Starling	26	25	300	9		35	16	175		400
House Sparrow	2	25	100			12	10		7	125
Western Meadowlark	3		13	4		2		1		4
Red-winged Blackbird		2000		75		1	20	65		300

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FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	3 CSTL FOOT	4 NCCOL MT PLNS	4 FL MT	10 CHAT PLNS	11 BLDR FHPL	17 LBCK FH PL	18 BELT PLNS	24 CCRA PLNS	25 EV MT	25 DENVER FH PLNS
Evening Grosbeak		1f							1	
Cassin's Finch		50							40	30
House Finch	3	4		5		10	4			40
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		25							3	
Pine Siskin			2						4	15
American Goldfinch				1						1
Red Crossbill										2
Rufous-sided Towhee	3									
Northern Junco										
"White-winged" race						4				
"Slate-colored" race	2	1		12					1	1
"Oregon" race	8	1		3						19
Gray-headed Junco	1								1	
American Tree Sparrow	82		15	70		4		7		45
Harris' Sparrow			1			3				1
White-crowned Sparrow				1	10					
Swamp Sparrow					1			1		
Song Sparrow			1	11	10	2	6	12		12
TOTAL SPECIES-83	17	46	7	40	26	32	26	35	21	62

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1979 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 2-3(2) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR)
 Western Grebe 2-3 (3) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (JR)
 Greater White-fronted Goose 2-9 (1) Prince Lake, Lafayette (RW); 2-11 (1) Muir Springs Park (JR)
 Snow Goose ("White" form) 2-17 (500) Lake Henry, Crowley County (JDR); 2-17 (150) Dye Reservoir, Otero County (JDR); 2-17 (500) Lake Cheraw, Otero County (JDR); 2-18 (25) John Martin Reservoir, Bent County (JR); 2-19 (2000) Lake Henry, Crowley County (JDR)
 Snow Goose ("Blue" form) 2-17 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County (JDR); 2-17 (3) Lake Cheraw, Otero County (JDR); 2-19 (23) Lake Henry, Crowley County (JDR)
 Cinnamon Teal 2-24 (1 male) Chatfield State Park (FJJ); 2-24 (3) Bromley Lane, Adams County (RA,BL)
 Hooded Merganser 2-15 (1 male, 1 female) Lakewood (PE); 2-18 (5 males, 3 females) on small pond on east side of Wadsworth-3040 South (FJJ)
 Red-breasted Merganser 1 to 6 all month at Sloan's Lake and Maple Grove Reservoir (PE); 2-18 (2 males, 2 females) Chatfield State Park-north of dam (FJJ); 2-25 (2 males, 2 females) gravel pits at 74th Ave. and I-76 (JDR)
 Bald Eagle 2-4 (1 adult) 6 miles north of Hudson east of Kersey Road, Weld County (JDR); 2-11 (1 immature) South Platte River, Orchard (JDR); 2-18 (1 adult) John Martin Reservoir, Bent County (JR); 2-19 (5 adults, 3 immatures) Blue Lake, Bent County (JDR); 2-19 (1 adult) Arkansas River, Rocky Ford (JDR); 2-19 (2 adults, 2 immatures) South Platte River, Goodrich (ME); 2-24 (2) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 Merlin ("Richardson's" race) 2-11 (1) .8 mile east of intersection of Weld Co. Rds. 4 & 83 (JDR); 2-17 (1) Las Animas (JDR)
 Common Bobwhite 2-11 (20) Muir Springs Park, Morgan County (JR)
 Wild Turkey 2-3 (14) east of Evergreen (PE, BE, DDM, JT)
 Thayer's Gull 2-19 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JDR)
 Long-eared Owl 2-24 (4) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (RA, BL)
 Lewis' Woodpecker 2-17 & 2-19 (1) Las Animas (JDR)
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2-18 (1 male, 1 female) Two Buttes Reservoir-below dam (JR)
 Mountain Chickadee 2-18 (1) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County-below dam (JR)
 Plain Titmouse 2-17 (2) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County (JDR)

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Bewick's Wren 2-18 (1-in song) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County-below dam (JR)
Mountain Bluebird 2-17 (1) Security, El Paso County (PE); 2-17 (90) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo County (JDR); 2-18 (30) Toonerville, Bent County (JDR)
Bohemian Waxwing 2-1 (2) Lakewood (PE); 2-16 (10) Wheat Ridge (PE); 2-23 (1) Cherry Creek Village (JDR)
Red-winged Blackbird 2-18 (100,000+) John Martin Reservoir, Bent County-one mile west of dam (JR)
Rufous-sided Towhee ("Spotted" race) 2-19 (2 males) Rocky Ford State Fishing Area, Otero County (JDR)
Brown Towhee 2-18 (20) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Canyon (JDR)
Swamp Sparrow 2-24 (1 adult) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (RA, BL)
Lapland Longspur 2-10 (1) sitting on telephone wire, Orchard, Morgan County (PE); 2-11 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County (JR)
Snow Bunting 2-27 (1 female) feeding along the side of road with small flock of Horned Larks at Harlan and West 91st Ave., Westminster (HH)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcome. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be submitted in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

RECOGNIZABLE "FORMS" AND SUBSPECIES

Trip Leaders and Observers are urged to submit reports of recognizable "forms" and subspecies for inclusion in our monthly summary of reports. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies follows:

SNOW GOOSE

"White" form

"Blue" form

RED-TAILED HAWK

"Western" race

"Harlan's" race

"Krider's" race

COMMON FLICKER

"Yellow-shafted" race

"Red-shafted" race

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

"Yellow-bellied" race

"Red-naped" race

HAIRY WOODPECKER

"Rocky Mountain" race

eastern races

DOWNY WOODPECKER

"Batchelder's" race

eastern races

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER

"Myrtle" race

"Audubon's" race

NORTHERN ORIOLE

"Baltimore" race

"Bullock's" race

GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH

"Hepburn's" race

"Gray-crowned" race

RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE

"Spotted" race

eastern races

NORTHERN JUNCO

"White-winged" race

"Slate-colored" race

"Oregon" race

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW

"White-crowned" race

"Gambel's" race

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
 2. Along with the summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
 3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies is published elsewhere in this issue of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
 4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.)
 5. Deadline for all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
 6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 1979

- APRIL 1, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip with lunch optional. (Canyon Wren, Dipper, White-throated Swift plus other early passerines)
- 7, Saturday. Pueblo area. Leader: Dave Griffiths (1-584-3859). Meet at the Ramada Inn in Pueblo at 7:30 A.M. * (Southern Colorado specialties: Scaled Quail, Plain Titmouse, Brown Towhee plus others)
- 8, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park and Mile High Duck Club. Leader: Harold Holt (429-1698). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north side parking lot at 7:30 A.M. * (Grebes, Herons, Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal, shore birds; Sandhill Crane possible)
- 14, Saturday. Feeders and Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Paul Rechel (424-1403). Meet leader at his home at 7:30 A.M. (4200 Iris Court-south on Iris from 44th Avenue, then right one block). $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. (Mourning Dove, Swallows, Blue Jay, early Warblers)
- 15, EASTER SUNDAY. No trip scheduled.
- 21, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and Morrison. Leaders: Sadie Morrison (388-1488) and Hazel Kellogg (757-2868). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. * (Grebes, most ducks, shorebirds, swallows, House Wren, early Warblers)
- 22, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at the Boat Ramp Parking Lot at west side at 7:30 A.M. Lunch optional. (Common Loon, White Pelican, Grebes, Shorebirds, Bonaparte's Gull, Owls)
- 28, Saturday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History, north side parking lot at 7:00 A.M. * (Turkey Vulture, Swainson's Hawk, Golden Eagle, Mountain Plover, Long-billed Curlew, Loggerhead Shrike, Longspurs)
- 29, Sunday. Waterton and Chatfield State Park. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner) at 6:00 A.M. Daylight Savings Time! Lots of walking-bring a lunch you can carry. (Early warblers, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Kinglets, Green-tailed Towhee, Sparrows)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 24, 1979

PROGRAM: "Bird Names and Misnomers" with Don Thatcher.

SPECIAL MAY MEETING! SPECIAL MAY MEETING! SPECIAL MAY MEETING! SPECIAL MAY MEETING! ! ! !

Plan now to enjoy an evening of picnicking and birding at Cherry Creek Recreation Area at the "Dixon Grove" (this is not the Group Picnic Area at the southeast corner of the area) on MAY 22, 1979. Bring your binoculars and a picnic supper. Carpool at 6:00 P.M. at either the East or West Entrances to the Recreation Area (those without State Park Stickers). Informal meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. for election of 1979-1980 Officers to be followed by eating and birding. Directions to the "Dixon Grove" will be given at the regular April meeting or can be obtained by calling Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947) or Carol Hack (777-7893). REMEMBER: MAY 22, 1979 at 6:30 P.M. at Cherry Creek Recreation Area!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lark Bunting will not be published in May. Results of April and May Field Trips will be published in the regular June issue. Please note that the Field Trip Schedule at the conclusion of this issue lists trips for both May and June.

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This slate of Officers and Directors will be presented at the regular monthly meeting on April 24, 1979 and voted upon at the regular monthly meeting on May 22, 1979.

MARCH 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MARCH 3, Saturday. North Denver: Sloan's Lake and area from Lowell to Indiana between 44th and 64th (NDV). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. No observers. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 0-7 MPH; 24°-34°). 6 hours, 33 miles. (16 species)
- 4, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Larry Malone. Observers: Warren Finch, Frank and Jan Justice, Jeff Offermann. (Clear; Wind, calm; 28°-45°). (37 species)
- 4, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Gravel pits at 74th and I-76, Hudson, Wiggins, Goodrich, Orchard, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Barr Lake S.P. and Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECOLO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear; 1"-2" of new snow; Wind, NW, 5-25 MPH; 18°-47°). 11 hours, 258 miles. (49 species)
- 10, Saturday. Deer Creek Canyon (DC). Leaders: Merle Barbour and Hazel Kellogg. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Marilyn Cook, Dinorah and Joe Hargadon, Cicely Mellor, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; 35°-45°). 6 hours, 58 miles. (20 species)
- 11, Sunday. Gravel pits at 74th Ave. and I-76 and Barr Lake S.P. (BARR). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Tom and Virginia Faxon, Dorothy Reddall. (Clear; Wind, variable, 4-7 MPH; 40°-66°). 4 hours, 25 miles. (36 species)
- 17, Saturday. Elizabeth, Kiowa, southeast cliffs (ELZ). Leaders: Robert Glover and Robert Spencer. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Dinorah and Joe Hargadon, Cicely Mellor, Hazel Nelson, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, Carl Wolf. (Partly cloudy; windy; 50°). 7 hours, 131 miles. (35 species)
- 18, Sunday. Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs. Leader: Jack Reddall. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO IMPOSSIBLE WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- 24, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Lori Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Warren Finch, Nancy Pearson, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, light; 38°-56°). 8 hours, 6 miles. (50 species)
- 25, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCK). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Bertha Durfee, Fred Hager, Dieter Kamm, Richard Kamm, Dave Ward. (Sunny; 40°-60°). 4 hours. (32 species)
- 25, Sunday. Greater Denver area: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, Chatfield S.P., Morrison, Red Rocks Park, Mile High Lakes and Cherry Creek Reservoir (DENVER). Observers: Bob Albrecht, Ray Nava (New York City), Jack Reddall, Bob Righter. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, S-SE, 0-25 MPH; 30°-60°). 12 hours, 200 miles. (62 species)
- 28, Wednesday. Barr Lake State Park (walk around entire lake) BARR. Observer: Robert Andrews. 7 hours. (52 species)

MARCH 31, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Arsenal, Mile High Lakes, Prospect Reservoir, Wiggins, Goodrich, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Orchard and Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECO). Observers: Bob Albrecht, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to overcast; Wind, SE, 10-15 MPH veering to NNE, 15-25 MPH in afternoon; 32°-43°). 11 hours, 244 miles. (62 species)

31, Saturday. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR). Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Gladys Kingsolver, Thompson Marsh, Cicely Mellor, Robert Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy; 35°-45°). 4 hours. (17 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

MARCH AREA HABITAT	3 NDV PLN	4 CHAT PLNS	4 NECOLO PLAINS	10 DC FH	11 BARR PLNS	17 ELZ FHL	24 CHAT PLNS	25 CCK PLN	25 DENVER FH PLNS	28 BARR PLNS	31 NECO PLNS	31 KCR FHL	
Horned Grebe							12	1		13	6	20	
Eared Grebe					2						1		
Western Grebe								28		16	2	1	
Pied-billed Grebe							2			1			
Double-crested Cormorant											12	3	
Great Blue Heron		5			2	1	26	5		21	27	21	
Whistling Swan		1	1								1		
Canada Goose	137	3100	250		125	9	19	28		45	33	50	
Snow Goose													
"White" form												6 ad	
Mallard	224	62	10000	5	500	4	75	75	2	248	325	5000	2
Gadwall		4	3		5		50	15		225	20	150	
Common Pintail	2	24	500		2500		45			450	300	1500	2
Green-winged Teal		20	2		25		450	13		175	80	60	2
Cinnamon Teal							8		2 pr		1	16	
American Wigeon	9	12	25		5		40	23		100	15	100	
Northern Shoveler	200		750		1500		6	2		12	650	625	
Redhead		52	450		800		300	19		500	280	375	
Ring-necked Duck			325		600		6	1		80	30	15	
Canvasback			25		60		4			2	2	5	
Lesser Scaup		3	63		30		16	3		100	775	500	
Common Goldeneye	4	6	6		13	2	10			14		35	
Bufflehead							6		1 ma		3	75	
Ruddy Duck										30	200		
Hooded Merganser							1				3		
Common Merganser	8	92	2675		100	2	70	80		500	2	25	
Red-breasted Merganser	1		2m, 1f				2		1 ma				
Sharp-shinned Hawk									1 ad		2		
Cooper's Hawk												1 ad	
Red-tailed Hawk						7					3		
"Western" race		4	2				5			5		6	
"Harlan's" race		2	2				2			1		1	
Rough-legged Hawk		4	7		3		1			1	1	1	
Ferruginous Hawk				1	1 ad								
Buteo sp.											1		
Golden Eagle			4a, 1i										
Bald Eagle			6a, 13i					11	1 ad		1a2i		
Northern Harrier		1	2m, 2f				3	3		3	2	4	
Prairie Falcon			3				1		2	1			

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American Kestrel		2	9	1		2	3	1	3	2	43	
Ring-necked Pheasant			3 ma				1	1	1 ma	2	2 ma	
American Coot	1	3					250	11	250	135	15	
Killdeer		2	3			3	12	2	11	5	47	
Greater Yellowlegs											3	
Common Snipe			2								5	
Long-billed Dowitcher							1			6		
Glaucous Gull										1		
Herring Gull	4		130		8		2		135	1	30	
Thayer's Gull									2 1m		1 1m	
California Gull								4		10	22	
Ring-billed Gull	183	2	65		20		25	29	550		1000	
Franklin's Gull											5	
Bonaparte's Gull											1 ad	
Rock Dove	4		45	4	30	14	5		25		28	18
Mourning Dove											1	
Great Horned Owl		2	1		1		4	1	1	2	3	
Long-eared Owl								1				
Belted Kingfisher		2					2		1 ma			
Common Flicker												
"Red-shafted" race	2	6	11	1	5	7	5	1	1	19	22	4
Hairy Woodpecker				1								
eastern races			1									
Downy Woodpecker								1		7		
eastern races			1m, 1f		1m 1f						1 ma	
Say's Phoebe											1	
Horned Lark		3	125		10	64	35	6	11	3	100	6
Swallow sp.										2		
Blue Jay			2								3	
Steller's Jay				4					2			
Scrub Jay				3		3			13		1	1
Black-billed Magpie	6	22	30	3	11	19	20	6	4	18	40	5
Northern Raven		3				3	1		4			1
American Crow		3		7		8	2		10	29	4	54
Black-capped Chickadee		7	15	12	7	1	13		1	5	12	3
Mountain Chickadee				6		5			4			
White-breasted Nuthatch									2			
Pygmy Nuthatch						24			20			
Brown Creeper		1	1			1			2		4	
Canyon Wren				2								
American Robin		3	7	1	1	16	7	4	15	11	55	
Mountain Bluebird						33	39	2	3	25	2m 1f	15
Townsend's Solitaire						1			6			1
Northern Shrike		3	2 ad			2	1		1 ad			
Loggerhead Shrike						3						
European Starling	5	6	300	10	35	239	17	18	60	50	600	34
House Sparrow	10		170		40	4			25	30	125	17
Western Meadowlark		8	65	3	15	7	16	8	23	30	200	5
Red-winged Blackbird			1000	6	140	48	2	4	30	750	400	
Brewer's Blackbird									3 ma		35	
Common Grackle											1 ma	
House Finch		2	13		4	3			20	1	20	2
Pine Siskin		30	1			80			8	2		

MARCH	3	4	4	10	11	17	24	25	25	28	31	31
AREA	NDV	CHAT	NECOLO	DC	BARR	ELZ	CHAT	CCK	DENVER	BARR	NECO	KCR
HABITAT	PLN	PLNS	PLAINS	FH	PLNS	FHL	PLNS	PLN	FH	PLNS	PLNS	FHL
American Goldfinch			4			1	3			3		
Red Crossbill						4						
Northern Junco												
"Slate-colored" race			3	2	1		2			2	2	
"Oregon" race		6	55	14	16	5	29		4	25	30	
Gray-headed Junco				15	1		1		4			
American Tree Sparrow		4	70	1	35	5				4		
White-crowned Sparrow		6										
Song Sparrow			1		10	1	11	2		15	3	
TOTAL SPECIES-92	16	37	49	20	36	35	50	32	62	52	62	17

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1979 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 3-3 (2) gravel pits south of Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
 Black-crowned Night Heron 3-1 (1 adult, 2 immatures) Clear Creek, Arvada (SS-reported by PE)
 Whistling Swan 3-3 (1) gravel pits south of Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
 Cinnamon Teal 3-11 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ); 3-17 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
 Wood Duck 3-31 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Hooded Merganser 3-1 (1 male, 1 female) Lakewood (PE)
 Red-breasted Merganser 3-3 (5 males, 4 females) gravel pits south of Chatfield Res. (RF)
 Bald Eagle 3-10 (6 adults, 5 immatures) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (RG, CG)
 American Avocet 3-30 (3) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 Greater Yellowlegs 3-30 (2) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 Long-billed Dowitcher 3-17 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
 Glaucous Gull 3-18 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Long-eared Owl 3-10 (1) Cherry Creek Recreation Area (JR)
 Mountain Bluebird 3-7 (2) Chatfield State Park (MS)
 Bohemian Waxwing Many reports all month from all around the Denver area (maxima 500 on 3-3 near Yosemite and Evans (MS)
 Yellow-headed Blackbird 3-3 (1 male) gravel pits south of Chatfield Reservoir (RF)
 Brewer's Blackbird 3-3 (15) Chatfield State Park (RF)
 Green-tailed Towhee 3-11 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 White-throated Sparrow 3-14 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

CONTRIBUTORS: Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Richard Franz (RF), Robert Glover (RG), Charles Green (CG), Frank and Jan Justice (FJJ), Floyd Pendell (FP), Jack Reddall (JR), Mildred Snyder (MS), Sandy Squire (SS)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

- Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcome. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
- Individual reports must be submitted in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
- Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with the summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 14, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.)
5. Deadline for all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

MORE ADDITIONAL MARCH 1979 REPORTS:

Horned Grebe 3-4 (1) Sloan's Lake, Denver (HH)
Swainson's Hawk 3-17 (1) Vaile Reservoir, Adams County (HH)
Greater Yellowlegs 3-17 (1) Mile High Duck Club, Adams County (HH)
Marsh Wren 3-17 (1) Mile High Duck Club, Adams County (HH)
Northern Goshawk 3-25 (1) Erie (HH)
American Avocet 3-31 (1) Erie (HH)

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Yellow-headed Blackbird 3-31 (1) Erie (HH)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 3-22 (1) Green Mountain, Jefferson County (ME)
Black Rosy Finch 3-22 (7) Green Mountain, Jefferson County (ME)
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 3-22 (20) Green Mountain, Jefferson County (ME)

CONTRIBUTORS: Margaret Elliott (ME), Harold Holt (HH)

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1979

- MAY 5, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir, Highline Canal, Louviers. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. * (Grebes, ducks, Lewis' Woodpecker, warblers)
- 6, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Pilk Carter (422-8645). Meet at Crossroads Shopping Center at the King Soopers parking area (look for a maroon Monte Carlo). Carpool at 25th and Sheridan at 7:45 A.M. and meet leader in Boulder at 8:30 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. (Shorebirds, common warblers plus some rare ones possible)
- 5/6, Weekend Overnight Trip to Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County. Those interested should contact Robert Spencer (279-4682).
- 12, Saturday. SPRING COUNT. Those individuals interested in participating please contact one of the leaders listed below for meeting times and places.
- Chatfield State Park Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547)
Bear Creek area Leader: Carl Wolf (986-3416)
Barr Lake State Park Leader: Robert Andrews (756-5553)
Red Rocks Park Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947)
Evergreen area Leaders: Bill and Sylvia Brockner (674-4851)
- Leaders should send the results of their Spring Count to Robert Andrews - 1390 South Ivy Way, Denver, Colorado 80224 as soon as possible after the Count. DO NOT SEND TO THE EDITOR OF THE LARK BUNTING!
- 13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Les Robinette (986-2332). Meet at Green Mountain Safeway Parking Lot (2nd traffic light west of Union on Alameda-south side) at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. (Flycatchers, warblers-possibly a rare one, orioles, buntings, sparrows)
- 19, Saturday. Plains south of Fort Morgan. Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at north parking lot at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. Carpool at Rigli Ranch. * (Hawks, Long-billed Curlew, flycatchers, warblers, orioles)
- 20, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED. Send any interesting sightings to Editor. This is a prime Spring migration day!
- 26, Saturday. Golden Gate State Park and White Ranch. Leader: Marguerite Brockmeyer (279-0709). Meet in Golden (west side of Lions Park on 10th Avenue) at 8:00 A.M. * (Jays, nuthatches, bluebirds, kinglets, warblers)
- 27/28, Sunday and Monday (Memorial Day Weekend). Overnight trip to Jumbo Reservoir, Red Lion State Wildlife Area and Tamarack Ranch. Contact Robert Spencer if interested (279-4682)
- * BRING LUNCH

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 1979

- JUNE 2, Saturday. Windsor Lake. Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick (344-5591). Meet at mausoleum parking lot at Fairmount Cemetery at 7:30 A.M. * This is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk around the lake with trip ending soon after lunch. (late Spring migrants, breeding species)

- JUNE 3, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center at the southwest corner by May D&F at 7:00 A.M. * (Herons, night herons, cormorants, shorebirds, breeding passerines)
- 9, Saturday. Gateway Nature Center, Chasteen Grove. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Continental-Denver north parking lot (Speer and I-25) at 7:00 A.M. * (Woodpeckers, flycatchers, American Redstart, grosbeaks plus some foothills specialties)
- 10, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at north side parking lot, Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. * (many plains species: Mountain Plover, Long-billed Curlew, Common Nighthawk, Burrowing Owl, McCown's Longspur, Chestnut-collared Longspur)
- 16, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes near Bailey. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center at the southwest corner by May D&F at 7:30 A.M. or at the Highlander Inn at 8:00 A.M. * (Band-tailed Pigeon, hummingbirds, Williamson's Sapsucker, Western Tanager, Evening Grosbeak)
- 17, Sunday. Idledale area. Leader: Bill Prather (697-9535). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center at the southwest corner by May D&F at 7:00 A.M. or at Idledale Post Office at 7:30 A.M. * (Blue Grouse, Western Bluebirds, Red Crossbills)
- 23, Saturday. Boulder area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Carpool at 25th and Sheridan at 6:45 A.M. and meet leader at Crossroads Shopping Center near King Soopers at 7:30 A.M. * (Night herons, American Bittern, breeding species)
- 24, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leaders: Nancy Jones (758-1463) and Helen Singer (756-2808). Meet leaders at the west gate to the Recreation Area at 7:30 A.M. (leave extra cars at nearby school parking lot). $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. Lunch optional. (Blue Grosbeak, breeding passerines)
- 27, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Warner Reeser (1-586-3010). Carpool at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. and meet leader at 9:00 A.M. at the National Park Headquarters. * (Great chance to see nesting birds of the Park)
- 30, Saturday. Castlewood Canyon State Park, Ehmann Ranch, Castle Rock. Leader: Jo Trainor (770-1917). Meet at the south parking lot of the First Plymouth Church, southwest corner of East Hampden and South Colorado Boulevard at 8:00 A.M. * (Hummingbirds, flycatchers, wrens, warblers and other passerines)

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Jack Reddall, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 25, 1979

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APRIL 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

APRIL 1, Sunday. Red Rocks Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.
7, Saturday. Pueblo area-20 mile radius (PUEB). Leaders: Dave and Carolyn Griffiths, David Silverman. Observers from DFO: Fred and Delene Hager, Robert

- APRIL Spencer; Observers from Colorado Springs Aiken Audubon: Alene Catlett, Ed and Martha Currey, Alice Dennis, Doris Dawson, Bill Hurd, Ruth and Walt Kuenning, Pauline McWilliams, Elinor Wills; Observers from Pueblo: Chris Knight, Mark Silverman. (Fair; 35°-76°). 10 hours. (75 species)
- 7, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Mile High Lakes, Prospect Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Nunn, Pawnee National Grasslands and Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH (A.M.), WNW 25-30 MPH (P.M.); 42°-72°). 11½ hours, 271 miles. (62 species)
- 8, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Vaile Reservoir, Mile High Duck Club, Barr Lake S.P. (MHDC). Leaders: Harold and LaVona Holt. Observers: Violet Armour (Houston, Texas), Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, John and Joyce Cooper, Nancy Henke, Ruth Hopfenbeck, Lyle Jordan, Hazel Kellogg, Faye Kindig, Be Merry, Jack Reddall, Mary Robinson, Dick Schottler, Doris Spear (Kansas City, Missouri), Vilmaris Strautins, Jo Trainor, Edie Trimmer, Vito Tursi, Emma Warren, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, SW 10-15 MPH; 42°-62°). 10 hours, 65 miles. (61 species)
- 13, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, SW 5-10 MPH; 19°-55°). 13 hours, 297 miles. (78 species)
- 14, Saturday. Clear Creek Greenbelt, Wheatridge (BELT). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Hazel Kellogg, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, light; 58°). 4½ hours, 4½ miles. (34 species)
- 15, Easter Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 21, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek, Marston Reservoir, Willow Springs, Morrison Picnic Ground (JEFCO). Leaders: Hazel Kellogg and Sadie Morrison. Observers: Millie and Dick Dawson, Jim Edgar (Lafayette, California), Ruby Egbert (Olympia, Washington), Robert and Shirley Spencer, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Vito Tursi. (Clear to high thin cloudiness; slight breeze; 55°-68°). 7 hours, 29 miles. (45 species)
- 21, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, Morrison, Red Rocks Park, Latham Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCOLO). Observers: Bob Albrecht, Bruce Albrecht, Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming high overcast; Wind, SW 0-10 MPH; 42°-68°). 11½ hours, 247 miles. (83 species)
- 22, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Mary Jane Black, John and Joyce Cooper, Carol Hack, Roland Olderog, Vito Tursi. (Clear; 45°-60°). 4 hours, 2½ miles. (32 species)
- 28, Saturday. Pawnee National Grassland (PNG). Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, 10-20 MPH, gusting; 50°-65°). 6½ hours, 92 miles. (35 species)
- 29, Sunday. Waterton and Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Chuck and Emily Durham, Lynn Johnson, Frank and Jan Justice, Dieter Kamm, Anne, Kate and Urling Kingery, Al Koewing, Fritz Mijer, Donna and Roland Olderog, Sam Palmer, Bob Righter, Bob Rozinski, Arnie Silverman, Gail Tanabe. (Clear). 8½ hours. (78 species)

APRIL AREA HABITAT	7 PUEB PLNS	7 NCCO PLNS	8 MHDC PLNS	13 NECO PLNS	14 BELT PLNS	21 JEFCE FH PL	21 NCCOLO FH PLNS	22 CCRA PLNS	28 PNG PLN	29 CHAT PLNS
Common Loon	1					1				
Horned Grebe	3	10	4	54	1	18	5			1
Eared Grebe		1	2	2			2			
Western Grebe	31	20	20	75		60	40	18		326
Pied-billed Grebe	1			2						1
American White Pelican				190			1			
Double-crested Cormorant		30	100	13			15			2
Great Blue Heron	1	13	40	90		1	7	3		48
Great Egret				1						1
Snowy Egret							2			
Black-crowned Night Heron				5	8				2	
White-faced Ibis			5							2
Canada Goose		52	5	19	6	20	17	25	7	8
Mallard	20	400	500	585	12	2 17	5 295	50	43	9
Gadwall	50	320	275	520	6	4	80	35	2	16
Common Pintail	15	400	400	1000		6	20	2	12	
Green-winged Teal	30	175	180	690	6		15	1	2	
Blue-winged Teal	3	4	5	15			20	1	2	8
Cinnamon Teal	4	5	51	5			10	14	2	4
American Wigeon	3	190	12	235	2	6	40	35	2	4
Northern Shoveler	15	2215	750	4300	2		500	27	2	6
Wood Duck							1 fe			4
Redhead	5	250	8	125	6	2			1	
Ring-necked Duck			8	5	8	20				
Canvasback		2 fe	1 ma							
Lesser Scaup	175	650	150	380	4	10	15		3	10
Common Goldeneye		2 pr		2 fe						
Bufflehead	3	55	1 ma	65		12	9			3
Ruddy Duck	40	700	2 fe	575			250			15
Common Merganser	50	130	1 pr	20		2	20			1
Red-breasted Merganser				2 ma		12				
Turkey Vulture							5			7
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1									
Cooper's Hawk			1 ad		1					
Accipter sp.										1
Red-tailed Hawk	3									3
"Western" race		1	5	2			1 3			
Broad-winged Hawk										1
Swainson's Hawk	1		7	2			6	1		1
Rough-legged Hawk			1						6-?	
Ferruginous Hawk			1	1 ad						
Buteo sp.										1
Golden Eagle	2					1	1a			
Bald Eagle				2 im						
Northern Harrier		3m9f	3 ma	2m1f				2	1	
Csprey	1			1						1
Prairie Falcon							1	1		
American Kestrel	35	31	25	88	5	2 7	12	3		12
Common Bobwhite				20						
Ring-necked Pheasant		10	2 ma	4			2	15	1	1
Virginia Rail	1	1								1
American Coot	15	300	250	345	30	20	125	55	4	56

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American Avocet		1	19	9			12		2	
Semipalmated Plover							3			20
Killdeer	4	36	19	25	2	4	40	3	4	4
Mountain Plover		2							4	
Marbled Godwit								1		2
Long-billed Curlew				3						
Greater Yellowlegs	1	1	9	10			5		1	6
Lesser Yellowlegs		2	5	1			14			2
Willet							6			1
Wilson's Phalarope				1			16			
Common Snipe	2		2	6	1					
Long-billed Dowitcher							1			
Western Sandpiper							3			
Least Sandpiper							14	10		
Baird's Sandpiper		8	6	15				12		1
Herring Gull		3		5						
California Gull		50		60				12		4
Ring-billed Gull	4	255		38			20	36		24
Franklin's Gull	19									
Bonaparte's Gull				8						
Forster's Tern										2
Rock Dove	150	55	18	24	5	23	45	10	46	
Mourning Dove	6	4	1	14		7	3	13	12	15
Great Horned Owl	4	2	3							9
Burrowing Owl	1	3	12	1				11		2
Long-eared Owl	1								1	
White-throated Swift							14			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird										3
Belted Kingfisher				1	7		1	1		3
Common Flicker										
"Red-shafted" race	6	6	2	20	22	15	4	4	1	3
Lewis' Woodpecker	1									
Hairy Woodpecker										
eastern races				1 fe						
Downy Woodpecker					2	2				7
eastern races		2 fe	1 ma	1m2f						
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1									
Say's Phoebe	1	3		1	1	1	2		7	
Dusky Flycatcher										3
Horned Lark	25	115	5	30			5	30	14	48
Violet-green Swallow							15		4	
Tree Swallow	1									
Rough-winged Swallow					10					
Barn Swallow	9		1	6	2			21	10	2
Blue Jay	6	2		11						
Steller's Jay							4			
Scrub Jay						3	2			3
Black-billed Magpie	20	37	42	44	72	4	50	4	35	28
Northern Raven	2							2		
American Crow	6	1	3				4			5
Black-capped Chickadee	1	9	1	4	7	5	3		3	11
Mountain Chickadee							5			
White-breasted Nuthatch							1			

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Fox Sparrow	1									
Song Sparrow	3	3	6	1	30	6	6	4		5
McCown's Longspur		1 ma								
TOTAL SPECIES-147	75	62	61	78	34	45	84	32	35	78

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1979 REPORTS:

Red-necked Grebe 4-7 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
 Cattle Egret 4-22 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (VHB)
 Great Egret 4-16 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (KH); 4-21 (1) Chatfield S.P. (HK, FJJ);
 4-22 (1) overhead at I-225 and So. Yosemite, Denver (JR); 4-25 (1) Chatfield S.P. (AK)
 Snowy Egret 4-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Black-crowned Night Heron 4-6 (14) "circling high over Cherry Creek Reservoir, disappear-
 ing to the north" (ME)
 White-faced Ibis 4-7 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Wood Duck 4-15 (2 males, 1 female) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR);
 Turkey Vulture 4-15 (5) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 4-1 (2) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Cooper's Hawk 4-14 (1 adult) 4450 So. Alton St., Englewood (JR)
 Osprey 4-13 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (CH, FH, KH); 4-15 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (ME)
 Sandhill Crane 4-5 (4) Chatfield S.P. (ME)
 Black-necked Stilt 4-29 (1) Chatfield S.P. (ME)
 Marbled Godwit 4-20 (54), 4-25 (38) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 4-25 (80) Chatfield
 S.P. (AK); 4-27 (3) Mile High Duck Club, Adams Co., (MS)
 Long-billed Curlew 4-15 (1) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR)
 Lesser Yellowlegs 4-1 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Solitary Sandpiper 4-27 (5) Clear Creek Greenbelt, Wheatridge (PR)
 Willet 4-3 (2) southeast of Baseline Reservoir, Boulder Co. (RW)
 Spotted Sandpiper 4-28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Thayer's Gull 4-1 (2 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Burrowing Owl 4-13 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (CH, FH, KH)
 Long-eared Owl 4-15 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Saw-whet Owl 4-14 (1) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (RA, MH, PG)
 Chimney Swift 4-24 (1) Colorado University campus, Boulder (RA)
 White-throated Swift 4-15 (2) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR)
 VERMILION FLYCATCHER 4-15 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ, photographed by FRS)
 Brown Creeper 4-21 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS)
 House Wren 4-19 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS)
 Marsh Wren 4-14 (1) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (CH, KH)
 Townsend's Solitaire 4-27 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Water Pipit 4-1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Bohemian Waxwing Many April reports. Last reported: 4-20 (35) 3794 So. Poplar (FP)
 Worm-eating Warbler 4-21 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS)
 Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Myrtle" race) 4-10 (1 male) Aurora (JR)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 4-20 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 HERMIT WARBLER 4-27 (1 male) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (many observers)
 House Finch 4-24 (1 albino) Golden (WF)
 Savannah Sparrow 4-21 (2) Windsor Lake, Aurora (KH)
 Harris' Sparrow 4-25 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 White-throated Sparrow 4-1 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

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NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used herein follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of the Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

MAY 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MAY 5, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir, Highline Canal, Louviers (LOUV). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Wayne Wathen, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly cloudy; 56°-73°). 6 hours, 40 miles. (39 species)
- 6, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Pilk Carter. TRIP CANCELLED-NO OBSERVERS SHOWED UP.
- 5&6, Saturday and Sunday. Bonny Reservoir and South Republican River, Yuma County (BONY). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Bob Righter, Vic Zerbe (Glenwood Springs). (Saturday-Clear; Wind, light; warm. Sunday-Cloudy; Wind, becoming strong from SW; very warm). (64 species)
- 12, Saturday. SPRING COUNT. (Results not available for this issue of the Lark Bunting).
- 13, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRPK). Leader: Les Robinette. Observers: Blake Besser, Jerome Besser, Joe Cleary, Marjorie Cleary, Ruth Hopfenbeck, June Kistler, Emma Warren. (Mostly clear; Wind, light; 70s°). 4 hours, 2 miles. (28 species)
- 19, Saturday. Rigli ranch southeast of Fort Morgan (MORG). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Susan Levin, Bob Righter, Vito Tursi, Wally and Nancy Zavitz. (Mostly clear; Wind, light; 54°-77°). 6 hours, 23 miles. (41 species)
- 20, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 26, Saturday. Golden Gate State Park (GGSP). Leader: Marguerite Brockmeyer. Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Lulita Pritchett, Dick Schottler, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; 70s°). 8 hours, 48 miles. (49 species)
- 27&28, Sunday and Monday. Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Jumbo Reservoir, Julesburg (JULES). Leaders: Robert and Shirley Spencer. Observers: None. (Sunday-scattered clouds; Wind, light; warm. Monday-Partly cloudy; Wind, calm; warm). (61 species)

MAY AREA HABITAT	5 LOUV PLNS	5&6 BONY PLNS	13 RRPK FOOT	19 MORG PLNS	26 GGSP MTNS	27&28 JULES PLAIN
Western Grebe	8	3				
Pied-billed Grebe		2				
Great Blue Heron	1	1				4
Green Heron						1
Black-crowned Night Heron						1
Canada Goose	4					22
Mallard	4	10		10	4	10
Gadwall	2	16				10
Common Pintail						4
Green-winged Teal						6
Blue-winged Teal		8				8
Cinnamon Teal						2
American Wigeon	10	22				

MAY AREA HABITAT	5 LOUV PLNS	5&6 BONY PLNS	13 RRPK FOOT	19 MORG PLNS	26 GGSP MTNS	27&28 JULES PLAIN
Northern Shoveler	6	6				30
Lesser Scaup		2				
Ruddy Duck	8					7
Turkey Vulture	1	3			1	
Cooper's Hawk					1	
Red-tailed Hawk	2				1	
Swainson's Hawk		2		2		
Golden Eagle					1	
Northern Harrier		1				
Prairie Falcon			1			
American Kestrel	7	3			1	
Common Bobwhite		6				6
Ring-necked Pheasant		7		3		4
American Coot	6	14				16
American Avocet						7
Killdeer	1	22		9		33
Spotted Sandpiper	4	3				2
Wilson's Phalarope		15				
Common Snipe		2				
California Gull		2				
Ring-billed Gull	6	20				
Forster's Tern		1				
Black Tern						250
Rock Dove	6	6	8			10
Mourning Dove	15	44	1	33		44
Great Horned Owl		3		1		1
Burrowing Owl				4		1
Common Nighthawk						5
White-throated Swift			16			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2				1	
Belted Kingfisher	1	1				1
Common Flicker						
"Yellow-shafted" race		3				1
"Red-shafted" race	1		2		1	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker		1				
Red-headed Woodpecker						5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					1	
Hairy Woodpecker		1			1	
Downy Woodpecker					2	
Eastern Kingbird		6		1		18
Western Kingbird		5		43		36
Say's Phoebe		1	2			
Empidonax sp.				1		1
Western Pewee			1	6		
Horned Lark		8		35		30
Violet-green Swallow			1			
Tree Swallow					2	
Bank Swallow		10				36
Rough-winged Swallow		6				
Barn Swallow	4			22	5	
Cliff Swallow		20	3		20	20
Blue Jay		6				6

MAY AREA HABITAT	5 LOUV PLNS	5&6 BONY PLNS	13 RRPK FOOT	19 MORG PLNS	26 GGSP MTNS	27&28 JULES PLAIN
Steller's Jay					6	
Scrub Jay	2		2			
Black-billed Magpie	30	7	5	4	26	8
Northern Raven			2		2	
American Crow	4				1	
Clark's Nutcracker					1	
Black-capped Chickadee	2	4			4	
Mountain Chickadee					3	
White-breasted Nuthatch					2	
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	
Pygmy Nuthatch					1	
House Wren	6	5	2		7	11
Northern Mockingbird				1		
Gray Catbird				2		2
Brown Thrasher		5				3
American Robin	28	17	8		6	14
Hermit Thrush				2		
Swainson's Thrush				2		
Western Bluebird					1	
Mountain Bluebird					10	
Townsend's Solitaire					1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			4	1		
Cedar Waxwing		16				
Loggerhead Shrike				1		
European Starling	50	28		33	3	20
Bell's Vireo						11
Solitary Vireo					1	
Red-eyed Vireo					1	1
Warbling Vireo				1	2	
Tennessee Warbler				1		
Nashville Warbler		1				
Virginia's Warbler			7			
Yellow Warbler				11	2	20
Black-throated Blue Warbler			1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler						
"Myrtle" race		22				
"Audubon's" race	18	18	8	13	8	
MacGillivray's Warbler				1		
Yellow-breasted Chat			2			2
Wilson's Warbler		1		1		1
American Redstart				1		
House Sparrow	24	14		30		30
Bobolink						7
EASTERN MEADOWLARK						1
Western Meadowlark	2	18	1	20	1	50
Yellow-headed Blackbird		50				13
Red-winged Blackbird	18	55		36	4	70
Orchard Oriole				1		10
Northern Oriole						
"Baltimore" race						8
"Bullock's" race	1		5	10	2	

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MAY AREA HABITAT	5 LOUV PLNS	5&6 BONY PLNS	13 RRPK FOOT	19 MORG PLNS	26 GGSP MTNS	27&28 JULES PLAIN
Brewer's Blackbird					4	6
Common Grackle	55	28		10	1	30
Brown-headed Cowbird	6	24	6	22	1	14
Western Tanager				1	2	
Black-headed Grosbeak				2		
Blue Grosbeak						3
Lazuli Bunting			2			
Evening Grosbeak					1	
Cassin's Finch					1	
House Finch	24					
Pine Siskin					9	
American Goldfinch	1	6				6
Green-tailed Towhee					1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	1	18			2
Lark Bunting		6		30		20
Baird's Sparrow		1				
Vesper Sparrow					1	
Lark Sparrow		32		5		1
Gray-headed Junco					1	
Chipping Sparrow		42	7	8	20	
Clay-colored Sparrow		37				
Brewer's Sparrow			1	1		
Harris' Sparrow		7				
White-crowned Sparrow	1	26	1			
Song Sparrow		3				
TOTAL SPECIES-136	39	64	28	41	49	61

ADDITIONAL MAY 1979 REPORTS:

American White Pelican 5-12 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Great Egret 5-5 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
 White-faced Ibis 5-12 (11) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Wood Duck 5-5 (1 pair) Waterton (RF)
 Canvasback 5-10 (1 male, 1 female) Chatfield Reservoir (FH)
 Hooded Merganser 5-28 (2 females) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
 Osprey 5-5 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF); 5-6 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (RA); 5-12 (3) Cherry Creek R.A. (FP)
 Prairie Falcon 5-20 (nesting pair) Pawnee National Grasslands-"nest contained 3 young and 1 unhatched egg" (FP)
 Virginia Rail 5-25 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Black-bellied Plover 5-12 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Marbled Godwit 5-12 (4) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Willet 5-11 (20) Chatfield S.P. (FH)
 Forster's Tern 5-26 (15) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
 Flammulated Screech Owl 5-8 & 5-9 (five separate sightings in Aspen during a severe snowstorm)-"One was found dead near the foundation of a building in the Silver King Apartment complex; another flew away that was perched in a tree in someone's yard; three others were taken to Hallum Lake Sanctuary where the Cardamones (who operate that facility) fed them. Two of these recovered and were released May 13th, and the third one died shortly after being brought in". (ECT)
 Red-headed Woodpecker 5-20 (1) Pawnee National Grasslands (FP); 5-26 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF)

ADDITIONAL MAY 1979 REPORTS (continued):

Brown Thrasher 5-15 (1) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (FH)
Hermit Thrush 5-4 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
Swainson's Thrush 5-11 (2, banded), 5-26 (1, banded), 5-31 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Western Bluebird 5-10 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (FH)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-3 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
Cedar Waxwing 5-26 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
YELLOW-THROATED VIREO 5-19 (2) along South Platte River north of Chatfield Dam (RF)
Solitary Vireo 5-20 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
Red-eyed Vireo 5-25 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
Warbling Vireo 5-17 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Black-and-white Warbler 5-19 (2) along South Platte River north of Chatfield Dam (RF); 5-20 (1) Pawnee National Grasslands (FP)
Tennessee Warbler 5-14 (1) 1250 Balsam, Lakewood (FH)
Orange-crowned Warbler 5-3 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
Nashville Warbler 5-3 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
Northern Parula Warbler 5-5 (1 singing male) Barr Lake S.P., Adams Co. (FH)
Yellow Warbler 5-15 (1, banded) & 5-16 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Magnolia Warbler 5-15 (1 male) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (FH)
CAPE MAY WARBLER 5-17 (1) "3 miles south of Evergreen (elev. 7800') feeding in an Aspen tree along streamside habitat" (ECT)
Black-throated Gray Warbler 5-14 (1 male) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (ME, JEG)
Townsend's Warbler 5-14 (1 male) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (ME, JEG)
Bay-breasted Warbler 5-17 (1 male) Colorado University campus, Boulder (RA)
Blackpoll Warbler 5-20 (2) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
Northern Waterthrush 5-14 (1) & 5-15 (1) "3 miles south of Evergreen (elev. 7800') feeding in marshy grass under a willow" (ECT); 5-15 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS); 5-19 (1) along South Platte River north of Chatfield Dam (RF)
MacGillivray's Warbler 5-13 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Orchard Oriole 5-24 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS); 5-26 (1 immature male) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
Summer Tanager 5-26 (1 moulting male) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5-21 (1) city park at Eaton, Weld Co. (FP)
IndigoXLazuli Bunting 5-26 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF)
Green-tailed Towhee 5-5 (1) Chatfield S.P. (RF); 5-14 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Lark Bunting 5-15 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (FH)
Fox Sparrow (eastern race) 5-3 (1) "3 miles south of Evergreen (elev. 7800') feeding on ground along stream under willows" (ECT)
Lincoln's Sparrow 5-11 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora-"this bird had been feeding in yard for 3 days before getting into net" (MS); 5-12 (1, banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
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John and Joyce Cooper report the following observations:

HERMIT WARBLER 4-27 through 4-29 (1 adult male) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (seen by at least 35 observers). Also reported under "Additional April 1979 Reports" of this issue-ED.

Green-tailed Towhee* 11-19-78 through 5-4-79 (1 adult) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood-recorded 100 days out of 167.

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Cooper Report (continued)

White-throated Sparrow* 11-13-78 through 4-15-79 (1 adult male) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood-recorded 73 days out of 154.

*"Both these birds were attracted to this locality by bird seed sprinkled on ground for juncos. Their visit to regular feeder were extremely rare. I suspected they might leave over the Christmas holidays when we were away for several weeks but they did not. There were a couple of other shorter periods when we weren't watching. This is my first winter record for the Green-tailed Towhee in Colorado. I have quite a few earlier winter records of the White-throated Sparrow in Colorado; an immature male spent the winter of 1970-71 at 1041 Field Street".

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- JULY 1, Sunday. Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake, Mt. Goliath. Leader: Winston William Brockner (674-4851). Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 7:00 A.M. and meet Leader at Bergen Park at 8:00 A.M. *
- 7, Saturday. South Park and Hack Ranch. Leader: Carol Hack (777-7893). Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 7:00 A.M. and meet leader at Jefferson at 8:30 A.M. *
- 8, Sunday. Jeffco Conf. & Nature Center Bird Census at the Lookout Mountain area. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. This is a half-day trip.
- 14, Saturday. Front Range Trip-West Creek. Leaders: Vincent and Roberta Winn. Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 7:00 A.M. and meet leaders at the West Creek Road at 8:45 A.M. *
- 15, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Dick Franz (795-8738). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 7:00 A.M. This is a half-day trip with lunch optional.
- X 21, Saturday. Eldora area. Leader: Gail Schickley (258-3358). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. and carpool to arrive at the Schickleys by 9:00 A.M. *
- 22, Sunday. Reynold Park-Jeffco Open Space near Conifer. Leader: Les Robinette (986-2332). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 7:00 A.M. *
- 28, Saturday. Mount Evans and Echo Lake. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. *
- 29, Sunday. Golden Gate State Park and White Ranch. Leader: Marguerite Brockmeyer (279-0709). Meet at Lions Park (10th Street), Golden at 7:30 A.M. *

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NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 25, 1979

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JUNE 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JUNE 2, Saturday. Windsor Reservoir, Aurora (WR). Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick. Observers: Doris Anderson, Cecile Cook, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Mary Lederer, Sadie Morrison, Bob Righter, Mary Robinson, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Garland and Becky Truitt, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; breezy; warm). $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. (34 species)
- 2, Saturday. Julesburg, Ovid, Sedgwick, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Jumbo Reservoir, Crook, Tamarack Ranch and return to Julesburg (JULES). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 10-15 MPH; 45-75). $11\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 115 miles. (91 species)
- 3, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Bryan Mann, Joanne Pettinicchio. (Sunny; Wind, calm; 70-85). 6 hours, 6 miles. (56 species)
- 9, Saturday. Gateway Nature Area, Cache La Poudre River, Chasteen's Grove (GNC). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Karen Gale, Douglas Gale, Hazel Nelson, Roland Oldenog, Ruth Wheeler. (Rain, clearing; Wind, NW, light; 50-65). 9 hours, 217 miles. (47 species)
- 10, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, Chatfield S.P., Latham

Reservoir, Barr Lake S.P. (NCCOLO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, SW, 10-15 MPH; 39-75). 13 hours, 249 miles. (103 species)

- 10, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands (PNG). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Joe and M. J. Cleary, Dieter Kamm, Richard Kamm, Vito Tursi. (38 species)
- 16, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes near Bailey (BUR). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Lorna Beilke, Joe and M. J. Cleary, Jan Deblock, Hazel Kellogg, Gloria Kishpaugh, Sadie Morrison, Roland and Dona Olderog, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi. (Fair; Wind, 5-15 MPH; 65-75). 7 3/4 hours, 75 miles. (32 species)
- 17, Sunday. Idledale and Corwin Park (I/C). Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: Inez Prather, Dick Schottler. (Clear to partly cloudy; 70-80). 7 hours, 34 miles. (41 species)
- 17, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Brighton, Greeley, Nunn, Pawnee National Grasslands, La Salle, Latham Reservoir and Barr Lake S.P. (NECO). Observers: Bob Albrecht, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, SE, 15-25 MPH; 53-75). 12 hours, 246 miles. (64 species)
- 23, Saturday. Boulder area (BLDR). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Dick and Milly Dawson, Hazel Kellogg, Gloria Kishpaugh, Sister Veronica Marie (Omaha, Nebraska), Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly overcast; 65-75). 6 hours. (47 species)
- 24, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCK). Leaders: Nancy Jones, Helen Singer. Observers: Lorna Beilke, John and Joyce Cooper, Care de Leeuw, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, calm; 70). 4 hours. (52 species)
- 27, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park (RMP). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Idabelle Arndt, Verlie Beeler, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Camille Cummings, Virginia Dionigi, Nancy Echeverria, Hazel Kellogg, Gloria Kishpaugh, Ann Means, Ruth Reeser, Marjorie Roberts, Alan Raitsch, Mary Jane Schock, Ed and Irma Sparks, Jamie Sykes, Joan Taylor, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 72-80). 6 hours, 32 miles. (36 species)
- 30, Saturday. Daniels Park and Castlewood Canyon (CW). Leader: Jo Trainor. Observers: Jan De Block, Joe and M. J. Cleary, Hazel Kellogg, Roland Olderog, Floyd Pendell, Dick Schottler, Vito Tursi, Martha Ann Weber, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; Wind, calm; 70-91). 7 hours, 85 miles. (46 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

JUNE AREA HABITAT	2 WR PL	2 JULES PLAIN	3 CSP PLN	9 GNC FHL	10 NCCOLO FHL PLN	10 PNG PLN	16 BUR MTN	17 I/C FHL	17 NECO PLNS	23 BLDR PLNS	24 CCK PLN	27 RMP MTN	30 CW FHL
Common Loon		2											
Eared Grebe		65			3								
Western Grebe	8	1	100		65	1			15		2		
Pied-billed Grebe		1								6			
American White Pelican					21				10				
Double-crested Cormorant	2	6	16		6				1				
Great Blue Heron		9	53	2	6				4	6			

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Snowy Egret			2						2	1			
Black-crowned Night Heron	3	2a, 11							1 ad	4			
White-faced Ibis					3								
Canada Goose	10	31	18		7		30			50	30		
Mallard	13	135	10	6	1	54	12		20	4	12		3
Gadwall		135	2	1	6	6			2		7		
Common Pintail		30			20	4			4				
Green-winged Teal		6			2ma				3				
Blue-winged Teal		15	3		12	4			18		8		
Cinnamon Teal		1 ma	7		9	1			8				
American Wigeon		8									2		
Northern Shoveler		100	3		8	4			32				
Wood Duck		1 pr											
Redhead		12			3pr				2 pr				
Ring-necked Duck		1 pr											2
Lesser Scaup		4	4							1			
Ruddy Duck		8	3		35						2		
Hooded Merganser											1		
Turkey Vulture				4	7								8
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1				1						
Red-tailed Hawk				1				1				1	1
"Western" race		5											
Swainson's Hawk	1	3	1		3	2			3				1
Ferruginous Hawk					4				2 ad				
Buteo sp.								1					
Northern Harrier											3		
Prairie Falcon						1							1
Merlin													1
American Kestrel	2	4	1	19	13	6			9	10	6		4
Common Bobwhite		4											
Ring-necked Pheasant	4	6	1		1				1		10		
Virginia Rail					1								
Sora					1				3		1		
American Coot	1	115	10	5	8	1			9	5	10		
American Avocet					9	4			19				
Killdeer	2	55	5	3	35	20			35	7	12		5
Mountain Plover									3				
Upland Sandpiper		2											
Lesser Yellowlegs		1			1						2		
Spotted Sandpiper	1	8	4		2			1		1	6		
Wilson's Phalarope		10			6				8				
Northern Phalarope		2											
Common Snipe										2		1	
Western Sandpiper		1											
Least Sandpiper		2											
Stilt Sandpiper					1								
California Gull	15				30						32		
Ring-billed Gull	4	55	3		6				3		12		
Franklin's Gull		20								1 ad			
Gull sp.			50										
Forster's Tern		1							4				

JUNE
AREA
HABITAT

Black Tern
Band-tailed Pigeon
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk
Black Swift
White-throated Swift
Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Common Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race
Red-headed Woodpecker
Lewis' Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker
Hairy Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
eastern races
Eastern Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Great Crested Flycatcher
Say's Phoebe
Hammond's Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Western Flycatcher
Empidonax sp.
Western Pewee
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Horned Lark
Violet-green Swallow
Tree Swallow
Bank Swallow
Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Blue Jay
Steller's Jay
Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie
Northern Raven
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
North American Dipper

2	2	3	9	10	10	16	17	17	23	24	27	30
WR	JULES	CSP	GNC	NCCOLO	PNG	BUR	I/C	NECO	BLDR	CCK	RMP	CW
PL	PLAIN	PLN	FHL	FH	PLN	MTN	FHL	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	MTN	FH
	150				10							
						22			50			
	30		7		30	4	10	60	30			1
28	170	7	6		100	50	3	75	15	22		5
	1									2		
		4			1							
	4				10	30		2		1		
	8	1				2					1	
				4			9				2	
			2	7	1	7	8				10*	3
	2	1				1						
	2											
	2											
6		3	7	1	2	1	2	3	3	10	12	6*
	9				1	1			2			
									2			
						1					3*	
			1	1			1				4*	
									8		3*	
	3									2*		
	65	3	2	2	5	4		6	6#			1
2	35	1	3		25	20	1	20	2	8		1
	2											
				1		1		1				1
							1*					
				1								
		2	1		2		8					
1												
		2	9	6	4	1	2	2		6	4*	1
		1										
	35	1		5	15	50		250		8		44
			1	4					2		7*	2
	2	1	6				10		8*	3	38*	
									6			
2	1	3	6	1					3	1		3
2	60		20	120	20	1	6	90	15	4		1
	150		12	8	10	80		6	10			6
	2		4									
				2		1	2				3	1
			8									3
23	2	4	12	5	40	2	3	1	13	20	9	5
					2						18	3
	1		2	3			2	1	2	8		4
2	4	4	5		1		4	2	2	2		
				1								
				1		2*						
				4			6				5*	
						3						
			2				5					

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House Wren		32	21	10	15	25	3	2	6	6	8	9*	3
Marsh Wren					2	6			4				
Canyon Wren				6					1				
Rock Wren													
Northern Mockingbird						2			1				
Gray Catbird		1	2			1							
Brown Thrasher		14				1							
Sage Thrasher									1				
American Robin	10	25	9	26	9	13	2	12	20	10	6	11*	5
Swainson's Thrush				3		1					1		
Western Bluebird					2m			4					
Mountain Bluebird					3m							4*	13
Townsend's Solitaire					1							5	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							5						
Loggerhead Shrike		1							2				
European Starling	38	30	13	27	10	140	2	2	115	200	60		14
Bell's Vireo		4											
Solitary Vireo													
"Plumbeous" race						1							
Red-eyed Vireo					4	3							
Warbling Vireo		2				3		4			1	5*	1
Orange-crowned Warbler			1										
Virginia's Warbler					5			4					
Yellow Warbler	2	20	6	11	5	20		1	2	5	3	9	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler													
"Audubon's" race							1	6					
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1												
Common Yellowthroat	2	8	8		4				3	10	26		
Yellow-breasted Chat		4	7		1						1		
Wilson's Warbler												2	
American Redstart					lma								
House Sparrow	25	50		14	95	25			150	25			2
Bobolink		4 ma											
EASTERN MEADOWLARK		2											
Western Meadowlark	10	160	12	8	20	155			80	15	12		8
Yellow-headed Blackbird		28	3			300			150	40	2		
Red-winged Blackbird		90	70	32	15	50	6	6*	35	80	36	3	5
Orchard Oriole		16											
Northern Oriole										8*#			
"Baltimore" race		6											
"Bullock's" race	8	1 ma	2	7		10	6	2	13		12		
Brewer's Blackbird				6		18	16	20	4	10			1
Common Grackle	36	145	7	37	5	75	6	4	2	125	40	50	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	6	40	3	5	15	5		12	1	10	9	5	2
Western Tanager			1		6			12			1	1*	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		2 ma											1
Black-headed Grosbeak				1							6		3
Blue Grosbeak						lma							
Lazuli Bunting			1	1	1	2		1					1
Evening Grosbeak							4					5	
Cassin's Finch												2	

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House Finch	20			7	25			6	15	20	30		8
Pine Siskin	1				6		6	16				8	
American Goldfinch		7	4	6	2						12		3
Lesser Goldfinch				6	8	2		2		5			1
Green-tailed Towhee					1			10				3	
Rufous-sided Towhee			1	1							8		7
"Spotted" race		1 ma			7								
Lark Bunting		55		9	22	100			400	1 ma			
Savannah Sparrow					3				5				
Grasshopper Sparrow		1											
Vesper Sparrow					15						2	1	12
Lark Sparrow		7				9			2				6
Cassin's Sparrow		3											
Gray-headed Junco					2			1				1	
Chipping Sparrow			1		2		1	6					10
Brewer's Sparrow									5				
Field Sparrow		2											
White-crowned Sparrow			3									1	
Lincoln's Sparrow												1	
Song Sparrow	3		1		1	2	1	2		8	15	1	
McCown's Longspur									20				
Chestnut-collared Longspur									4				
TOTAL SPECIES-170	34	91	56	47	103	38	32	41	64	47	52	36	46

* nest(s) located

feeding young

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1979 REPORTS:

Common Loon 6-3 (1, breeding plumage; 1, non-breeding plumage) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (JR)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 6-3 (1 adult) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR)
 Snowy Plover 6-18 (6) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (DCG)
 Mountain Plover 6-17 (8) Pueblo West Golf Course, Pueblo Co. - "they have been there since April" (DCG)
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6-16 (2) Deer Creek Picnic Area, Chatfield State Park (FH); 6-17 (2) Chatfield State Park (ME); 6-24 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)
 Chimney Swift 6-2 (1) 1936 South Lincoln St., Denver (RG)
 Black-chinned Hummingbird "are nesting in Pueblo as usual-June 1st, one nest at 2215 Greenwood St." (DCG)
 Cassin's Kingbird throughout June (8-10) along Burnt Mill Road and Red Creek Road, Pueblo Co. (DCG)
 Tree Swallow 6-16 (1) Deer Creek Picnic Area, Chatfield State Park (FH)
 Pinyon Jay 6-2 (at least 20 with newly fledged young) Lathrop State Park, Walsenburg (DCG)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 6-23 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)
 Curve-billed Thrasher "We found a nest with 4 eggs on June 10 and 18" (DCG, DEP). NOTE: No location given-ED.
 Cedar Waxwing 6-23 (6) Highline Canal at Waterton near lake (MJS)
 Bell's Vireo 6-3 (4) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR)
 Red-eyed Vireo 6-27 (1 in song) Plum Creek area, Chatfield State Park (FH)
 Grace's Warbler "Three singing males in Rye. . . we are looking for a nest" (DCG). Note: No dates given-Ed.
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 6-3 (1 male) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR)

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Indigo Bunting 6-24 (2 males) along Burnt Mill Road, Pueblo Co. (BSB, DCG)
Dickcissel 6-3 (1 male) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan Co. (JR)
Grasshopper Sparrow 6-3 (3) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR)
Cassin's Sparrow 6-3 (1) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR)
Black-throated Sparrow 6-10 & 6-18 (nesting pair) Fowler, Crowley Co. (DCG)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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We regret to report the death of Marian Borden during the month of May. Marian was a long time member of the Denver Field Ornithologists.

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TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds

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observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

2. Along with the summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 14, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
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6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1979

- AUGUST 4, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 7:00 A.M. *
- 5, Sunday. Evergreen area. Leaders: Winston and Sylvia Brockner (674-4851). Meet in North Evergreen at the Public Service Company parking lot at 8:00 A.M. *
- 11-12, Saturday and Sunday. Lamar area-overnight trip. Leader: Charles Chase. Meet leader at El Mar Motel, Lamar at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday (5 hour drive from Denver). On Saturday afternoon the Lamar City Park will be visited to view nesting Mississippi Kites. On Sunday morning a trip to Nee Noshe Reservoir north of Lamar to see nesting Snowy Plovers and Little Terns. Overnight accommodations at El Mar Motel or camping at John Martin Reservoir. Register for the trip with either Ruth Wheeler (455-3924) or Robert Spencer (279-4682) no later than August 9.
- 18, Saturday. Guanella Pass area. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 7:00 A.M. *
- 19, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Harold Holt (429-1698). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot at 8:30 A.M. * (Should be good for returning shore birds)
- 25, Saturday. Cherry Creek Reservoir Recreation Area. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at West Gate to Cherry Creek Reservoir at 7:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip, lunch optional.
- 26, Sunday. Roxborough Park. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet leader at Waterton Bridge at 7:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip. Please call leader if you plan to go on this trip.

* BRING LUNCH

ALL DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ARE URGED TO CARPOOL WHEREVER POSSIBLE WHEN GOING ON FIELD TRIPS TO CONSERVE ENERGY. IF YOU CONTEMPLATE GOING ON ANY OF THE ABOVE TRIPS, CONTACT THE LEADER AHEAD OF TIME. THE LEADER MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR CARPOOLS.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 25, 1979

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JULY 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JULY 1, Sunday. Evergreen, Bergen Park and Mt. Evans (EV). Leaders: Winston William Brockner and Sylvia B. Brockner. Observers: Jeffrey Browman, Hope Cisneros, Dieter Kamm. (Overcast; 50°-74°). (27 species)
- 7, Saturday. South Park (Hack Ranch) to Georgia Pass (SOPK). Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Bob, Jeanne, Bruce and Lisa Albrecht, Joe and M. J. Cleary, Jan De Block, Harold and LaVona Holt, Gloria Kishpaugh, Cicely Mellor, Tom and Jean Paterson, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer. (Clear in A.M., partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, calm; 50°-64°). (43 species)
- 8, Sunday. Lookout Mountain and Genesee Mountain (JEFCO). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Jim Honor, Al and Barbara Liberman (West Palm Beach, Florida), Vito Tursi. (Clear; warm). 5 3/4 hours, 41 miles. (33 species)
- 14, Saturday. West Creek, Turkey Rock Ranch Estates and area (WEST). Leaders: Roberta and Vincent Winn. Observers: Joe and M. J. Cleary, Ed and Camille Harper (Sacramento, California), Harold and LaVona Holt, Hazel Kellogg, Al Koe-wing, Roland and Dona Oldenog, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; light breeze; 65°-75°). 7 hours, 201 miles. (35 species)
- 15, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Observers: Dinorah and Joe Hargedon, Jim Honor, Frank and Jan Justice, Dieter Kamm, Hazel Kellogg, Fay Kindig, Dick Schottler. (Sunny; 70°-83°). 5 3/4 hours, 23 miles. (53 species)

- JULY 21, Saturday. Coal Creek Canyon and Eldora (ELD). Leader: Gail Shickley. Observers: Lorna Beilke, Vi and Henry Bossman, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Lori Chappell, Vi Hubka, Hazel Kellogg, Sadie Morrison, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Jane Wheeler, Ruth Wheeler. (Fair in A.M., partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, 5-12 MPH; 65°-78°). 7 hours, 91 miles. (38 species)
- 22, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Mile High Lakes, Prospect Reservoir, Ireland Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Barr Lake S.P., Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCOLO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy, brief afternoon thundershowers; Wind, variable 5-15 MPH; 61°-91°). 12 hours, 226 miles. (108 species)
- 22, Sunday. Reynolds Park, Conifer area (REY). Leader: Les Robinette. Observers: Jerome Besser, Harold and LaVona Holt, Faye Kindig. (Scattered clouds; Wind, light; warm). 6½ hours, 3 miles. (19 species)
- 28, Saturday. Fillius Park, Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake and Summit Lake (MTEVAN). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Lori Chappell, Joe and M. J. Cleary, John and Joyce Cooper, Harold and LaVona Holt, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Roland and Dona Olderog, Dick Schottler, Vito Tursi. (50°-75°). 7½ hours. (39 species)
- 29, Sunday. Golden Gate State Park and White Ranch (GGSP). Leader: Marguerite Brockmeyer. Observers: Lorna Beilke, John and Joyce Cooper, Nickie Plifer. (Partly cloudy; windy; 89°). 8½ hours, 43 miles. (35 species)

JULY	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	22	28	29				
AREA	EV	SOPK	JEFCO	WEST	CHAT	ELD	NCCOLO	REY	MTEVAN	GGSP				
HABITAT	MT	MTNS	PL	FH	MTNS	PLNS	MTN	FH	PLN	MTN	AL	NT	FH	MTNS
Eared Grebe						2			30					
Western Grebe						3			15					
Pied-billed Grebe						2			1					
American White Pelican									42					
Double-crested Cormorant						40			34					
Great Blue Heron						50			9					
Green Heron						1								
Black-crowned Night Heron			11						11					
Canada Goose						25			330					
Mallard		1				5	15	2	148					2
Gadwall									2					
Common Pintail									35					1
Green-winged Teal									10					
Blue-winged Teal						2			25					
Cinnamon Teal						20			6					
Northern Shoveler									2					
Redhead									30					
Ruddy Duck									10					
Turkey Vulture				1	2	5		6						1
Red-tailed Hawk		2					3			2				
"Western" race								1	1					
Swainson's Hawk						2			5					
Northern Harrier									1f					
Prairie Falcon								2						
American Kestrel			1			4			8					
Virginia Rail									1					
Sora									1					
American Coot						6	8		4					
American Avocet									4					

JULY	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	22	28	29
AREA	EV	SOPK	JEFCO	WEST	CHAT	ELD	NCCOLO	REY	MTEVAN	GGSP
HABITAT	MT	MTNS	PL FH	MTNS	PLNS	MTN	FH PLN	MTN	AL MT FH	MTNS
Northern Raven	6			1					6 2	1
American Crow	4		3			1	3		1	4
Clark's Nutcracker	4								5	
Black-capped Chickadee		2			1		1 2			4
Mountain Chickadee	1	4	11	5		1	2	6	2 8	4
White-breasted Nuthatch			3				4		1 2	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		4	1							2
Pygmy Nuthatch	1		3				25			4
North American Dipper						2				
House Wren	1	6		2	20	23	8 5	6		6
Marsh Wren							1			
Canyon Wren							3			
Gray Catbird							2			
American Robin	10	15*	1 8	2	6	4	8 3	5	6 3	3
Hermit Thrush	2	4	1	1					2	
Swainson's Thrush						1				
Western Bluebird				1						
Mountain Bluebird	2	10		3		10	1m			10
Townsend's Solitaire				1		1				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							1			1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	15		5		1		2	3	1
Water Pipit	14								8	
European Starling		2	2		10		255			
Solitary Vireo					1					
"Plumbeous" race							3			
Red-eyed Vireo							2			
Warbling Vireo		3		3				2		2
Virginia's Warbler							2			
Yellow Warbler		1*			10		1m			
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Audubon's" race		1	3	1		2			4 4	4
MacGillivray's Warbler								4		
Common Yellowthroat					4		4 10			
Yellow-breasted Chat					3					
Wilson's Warbler	2	3							8	4
House Sparrow			2				285			2
Western Meadowlark		6	1		30		5 35			
Yellow-headed Blackbird					10		80			
Red-winged Blackbird		10	1	2	25	6	205			2
Northern Oriole										
"Bullock's" race							20			1
Brewer's Blackbird		6		1	1	10	60			3
Common Grackle			2		35		17			5
Brown-headed Cowbird		5	1			32	4	1		1
Western Tanager				3			2m	2	2	
Black-headed Grosbeak	1						2m			
Indigo Bunting					1					
Lazuli Bunting					1		1m			
Dickcissel					1					
Evening Grosbeak										3
Cassin's Finch		2		1		3		20	3	2
House Finch			1					20		4
Pine Grosbeak		1							4	

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JULY AREA HABITAT	1 EV MT	7 SOPK MTNS	8 JEFCO PL FH	14 WEST MTNS	15 CHAT PLNS	21 ELD MTN	22 NCCOLO FH PLN	22 REY MTN	28 MTEVAN AL MT FH	29 GGSP MTNS
Killdeer		2			15	4		75		
Greater Yellowlegs								1		
Lesser Yellowlegs					8			3		
Willet					1					
Spotted Sandpiper		1			2	3		2		
Wilson's Phalarope								35		
Common Snipe		4			2	1		1		
Long-billed Dowitcher								20		
Least Sandpiper								1		
California Gull					20			30		
Ring-billed Gull			2		150			190		
Franklin's Gull								630		
Forster's Tern								3		
Black Tern								10		
Band-tailed Pigeon				4						
Rock Dove			1		8		2	19		2
Mourning Dove			1 5		20	2	12	78		4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo					1					
Flammulated Screech Owl				1						
Burrowing Owl					5			15		
Common Nighthawk						2		1		1
White-throated Swift							1			
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4	8	5	6		16	9	3	9	4
Rufous Hummingbird				2		4			4	1
Belted Kingfisher				1	1	2				
Common Flicker		2								2
"Red-shafted" race					3	3	3	2		1
Red-headed Woodpecker								3		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				5		4			1	
"Red-naped" race		6*	3							
Williamson's Sapsucker						2*				
Hairy Woodpecker				1				2		1
"Rocky Mountain" race							3			
Downy Woodpecker		2*					1			1
No. Three-toed Woodpecker		1								
Eastern Kingbird					4		1	5		
Western Kingbird								65		
Say's Phoebe							1			
Western Flycatcher	7		3	5#			4	3		1
Western Pewee	2	3			1		10			1
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2	1	1	1		1			1	
Horned Lark	1	4			1			8		
Violet-green Swallow	2	2	6	6		5	15		1	
Tree Swallow		35*		2		2*			1	14
Bank Swallow								807		
Rough-winged Swallow							2	13		
Barn Swallow	3				10	2		150	1	8
Cliff Swallow		35*			200		10	20		
Gray Jay	6	4		3						
Steller's Jay	1		1	1			3	4	4	2
Scrub Jay							7			
Black-billed Magpie	1	3	2 3		19	1	75	10	12	3

JULY	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	22	28	29				
AREA	EV	SOPK	JEFCO	WEST	CHAT	ELD	NCCOLO	REY	MTEVAN	GGSP				
HABITAT	MT	MTNS	PL	FH	MTNS	PLNS	MTN	FH	PLN	MTN	AL	MT	FH	MTNS
Brown-capped Rosy Finch	4								9					
Pine Siskin		25	20	12			30		5		4	7		15
American Goldfinch					20		9							
Lesser Goldfinch			2		2		25		4					
Red Crossbill	6			5							2	6		
Green-tailed Towhee			1	2			1	1	9					
Rufous-sided Towhee						1								
"Spotted" race							30							
Lark Bunting								40						
Savannah Sparrow		12						4						
Vesper Sparrow							16							
Lark Sparrow								1						
Gray-headed Junco	4	12	12	2			2				7	5		1
Chipping Sparrow			10				2	2	10			3		
Brewer's Sparrow		1					2							
White-crowned Sparrow	2	9*									1	6		
Lincoln's Sparrow		3		2			2					5		
Song Sparrow				1	4		1	2						8
TOTAL SPECIES-144	27	43	33	35	53	38	108	19			39			35

*=nest(s) located; #=nest with 3 young; f=female; m=male; i=immature

CORRECTIONS:

VOLUME 14, NUMBERS 8&9: CHANGE Black-throated Blue Warbler (1) to Black-throated Gray Warbler (1) under May 13 Field Trip to Red Rocks Park (RRPK).

VOLUME 14, NUMBER 10: ADD White-rumped Sandpiper (4) under June 2 Field Trip to Julesburg area (JULES).

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ADDITIONAL JULY 1979 REPORTS:

Green Heron 7-3 (2) Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield State Park (RF); 7-29 (1) Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield State Park (RF)
 Black-crowned Night Heron 7-29 (2 immatures), Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield S.P. (RF)
 Lesser Yellowlegs 7-29 (5) Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield S.P. (RF)
 Band-tailed Pigeon 7-17 (3) Lookout Mountain, Jefferson County (PE)
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 7-6 (1 heard) Wheat Ridge (PE)
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 7-29 (1) Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield S.P. (RF)
 Sage Thrasher 7-29 (2) Chatfield S.P.-campground area (FJJ)
 Lazuli Bunting 7-29 (1) Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield S.P. (RF)
 Dickcissel 7-14 (1) Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
 Pine Grosbeak 7-19 (1 female) Echo Lake, Clear Creek County (PE)
 Red Crossbill 7-2 (6) and 7-31 (2) near Franktown (MS)

CONTRIBUTORS: Patricia Ecelmeyer (PE), Richard Franz (RF), Frank and Jan Justice (FJJ), Mildred Snyder (MS)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. How-

ever, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.

2. Individual reports must be in Check-list order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

NOTICE!!! Frank and Jan Justice have sent the following note to birders frequenting the Chatfield State Park area: "There has been a drastic change in birding hot spots since water for the minimum pool was acquired. Try walking toward the lake from Plum Creek Picnic Area. Plum Creek is better than usual. Gravel pit road good. Heron overlook fascinating".

NOTICE!!! Robert Andrews has moved to Venezuela for one year. Anyone wishing to write to Bob may do so at the following address:

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to:
Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

2. Along with the summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 14, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.)
5. Deadline for all Field Trips is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1979

- SEPTEMBER 1, Saturday. McClellan Reservoir, Highline Canal, Louviers. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. *
- 2, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park, Latham Reservoir and Prospect Reservoir. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at Voyager Inn Motel at Chambers Road and I-70 at 6:30 A.M. * We will cover Barr Lake in the morning by walking from the south gate to the fishing area parking lot and then continue on by car to Latham Reservoir near Greeley and Prospect Reservoir in the afternoon. This will be a long day and possibly a hot one. However, with any luck we should encounter a goodly number of fall migrants.

3&9, Saturday and Sunday. THE 1979 FALL COUNT

For several years the Denver Field Ornithologists have conducted a Fall Count covering five lakes northeast of Denver: Barr Lake, the Mile High Lakes, Horse Creek Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir and Banner Lakes. The Fall Count is most effectively scheduled prior to September 10 because most insectivorous birds leave by that date. For the past three years and again this year, the Division of Wildlife has established a teal hunting season which has prevented us from obtaining access to all those lakes except Barr. Apparently the teal season will continue at the same time in future years. Therefore, in order to obtain consistent coverage, we are changing the Fall Count to consist of a two-day count of areas which we think we can cover consistently in the future.

FALL COUNT: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Barr Lake: Periphery of the lake area by car. Leader: Harold Holt (429-1698)

Barr Lake: Inside the park by foot. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144)

Cherry Creek Reservoir: Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681)

Castlewood Canyon State Park: Leader: Paul Rechel (424-1403)

FALL COUNT: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Christmas Count Areas:

Chatfield State Park/Waterton area: Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547) and Hugh Kingery (333-0161)

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Bear Creek and Mount Carbon Dam: Leader: Carl Wolf (986-3416)

Red Rocks Park and Morrison: Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947)

Evergreen Area: Leader: Winston William Brockner (694-4851)

ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S FALL COUNT SHOULD CONTACT THE LEADERS LISTED ABOVE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 FOR TIMES AND MEETING PLACES

SEPTEMBER 15, Saturday. Idledale, Indian Hills and area. Leader: Bill Prather (697-9535). Meet at West Jewell and Wadsworth in front of the Woolco Store at 7:00 A.M. *

16, Sunday. Boulder/Longmont area. Leader: Barry Knapp (494-8390). Meet at King Soopers in the Crossroads Shopping Center in Boulder at 8:00 A.M. *

22, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and Morrison area. Leaders: Henry and Vi Bossman (781-6855). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center opposite May D&F (South Sheridan at Hampden) at 8:00 A.M. *

23, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Nancy Hurley (757-0837). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot) at 7:00 A.M. *

29, Saturday. Prairie south of Fort Morgan in the area of the Rigli Ranch. Leader: Joe Rigli. Trip leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot) at 7:30 A.M. *

30, Sunday. Deer Creek area. Leaders: Bobby Ausfahl (798-0552) and Merle Barbour. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 8:00 A.M. 1/2-day trip.

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ALL DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ARE URGED TO CARPOOL WHEREVER POSSIBLE WHEN GOING ON FIELD TRIPS TO CONSERVE ENERGY. IF YOU CONTEMPLATE GOING ON ANY OF THE ABOVE TRIPS, CONTACT THE LEADER AHEAD OF TIME. THE LEADER MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR CARPOOLS.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!! Our first meeting of the new season will be held on September 25, 1979 at the usual time of 7:30 P.M. in the BIRD ROOM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Work has been completed on the restoration of the displays of Colorado Birds in this room and a special dedication will be held at this meeting. The Denver Field Ornithologists provided the funds for this restoration project. So make your plans to attend this special meeting now. More details will be provided in the next issue of the Lark Bunting

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25, 1979

PROGRAM: Dedication of the restoration of the "BIRD HALL" at the Denver Museum of Natural History plus a slide presentation by Lyle Jordan entitled "Birds in Colorado". For this month only we will meet in the "BIRD HALL". Directions on how to get to the "BIRD HALL" will be posted at the entrance to the West Auditorium. Start the 1979-1980 Season by coming to this entertaining meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 P.M.

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AUGUST 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- AUGUST 4, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Don and Lee Johnson, Jan Justice, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Light breeze; 65°-95°). 7½ hours, 39 miles. (45 species)
- 5, Sunday. Bergen Park, Mt. Evans, Evergreen (EV). Leaders: Winston William Brockner, Sylvia B. Brockner. Observers: None. (HOT!). (16 species)
- 5, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Rocky Mountain National Park (Bear Lake, Nymph Lake), Loveland, Greeley, Latham Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCOL). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear; Wind, variable, 0-20 MPH; 50°-99°). 11½ hours, 200 miles. (90 species)
- 11, Saturday. Lamar to Two Buttes Reservoir, Carrizo Canyon, Cottonwood Canyon, Campo and Walsh (BACA). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear; Wind, SW, 10-15 MPH; 52°-90°). 11 hours, 263 miles. (63 species)
- 11&12, Saturday and Sunday. Lamar, Las Animas, Blue Lake (Adobe Creek Reservoir), Cheraw, Rocky Ford, Dye Reservoir (LAMAR). Leader: Charles Chase. Observers: Lori Chappell, Joe and M.J. Cleary, John and Joyce Cooper, Frank and

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Jan Justice, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Warner and Ruth Reeser, Bob Righter, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, Jo Trainor, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 10-15 MPH; 65°-100°). (82 species)

- 18, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon State Park, Winkler Ranch, Latham Reservoir (NCCOLO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast to partly cloudy with severe afternoon thunderstorms; Wind, variable 0-5 MPH becoming NW, 20-25 MPH in thunderstorms; 60°-75°). 11 hours, 202 miles. (106 species)

- 18, Saturday. Bailey to Guanella Pass (GUAN). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Bob and Wanda Unterzuber, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; warm). 7½ hours, 120 miles. (28 species)

- 19, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Vaile Reservoir and west side of Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leaders: Harold and LaVona Holt. Observers: Lori Chappell, Frank and Jan Justice, Dick Schottler, Vito Tursi. (Sunny; Wind, calm; 60°-75°). 8 hours, 45 miles. (54 species)

- 25, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCK). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Jack and Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Bob Righter, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly sunny; 52°-75°). 6½ hours. (20 species)

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AUGUST AREA HABITAT	4 CHAT PLNS	5 EV MT	5 NCCOL MT PLNS	11 BACA PLNS	11-12 LAMAR PLAIN	18 NCCOLO FH PLN	18 GUAN MTNS	19 BARR PLNS	25 CCK PLN
Eared Grebe			2	3	15	3			
Western Grebe			50		18	26		2	
Pied-billed Grebe			1	1	1			2	
American White Pelican			12			2		17	
Double-crested Cormorant	7		31			4		69	
Great Blue Heron	8		6	2	48	14		36	2
Snowy Egret			1			5			
Black-crowned Night Heron								1	
American Bittern						1			
White-faced Ibis			2						
Canada Goose			80	2	60	30		23	3
Mallard	7	14	30	70	22	60		70	64
Gadwall			20						
Common Pintail			6	4	7	10		2	
Green-winged Teal			3	5		5			
Blue-winged Teal	25		5	11	2	28		18	
Cinnamon Teal			4			1ma		2	
Northern Shoveler			1fe			7			
Redhead			3		10			1	
Ruddy Duck	1					1			
Turkey Vulture				7	1	4		2	
Mississippi Kite				32	35				
Red-tailed Hawk							1im		
"Western" race				3	2	3			
Swainson's Hawk	2		4	17	12	5		8	
Golden Eagle				1im					

NOTE: Field Trip scheduled for Sunday, August 26 to Roxborough Park was cancelled.

AUGUST
AREA
HABITAT

Northern Harrier
Prairie Falcon
American Kestrel
Common Bobwhite
Scaled Quail
Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail
Sora
American Coot
American Avocet
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
Snowy Plover
Mountain Plover
Black-bellied Plover
Marbled Godwit
Long-billed Curlew
Upland Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
Wilson's Phalarope
Northern Phalarope
Common Snipe
Long-billed Dowitcher
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper
California Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Franklin's Gull
Forster's Tern
LITTLE TERN
Black Tern
Band-tailed Pigeon
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Barn Owl
Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher

4	5	5	11	11-12	18	18	19	25
CHAT	EV	NCCOL	BACA	LAMAR	NCCOLO	GUAN	BARR	CCK
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AUGUST
AREA
HABITAT

Common Flicker
"Red-shafted" race
Red-headed Woodpecker
Lewis' Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
"Red-naped" race
Williamson's Sapsucker
Hairy Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Eastern Kingbird
Western Kingbird
Say's Phoebe
Hammond's Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Western Flycatcher
Empidonax sp.
Western Pewee
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Horned Lark
Violet-green Swallow
Tree Swallow
Bank Swallow
Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Gray Jay
Blue Jay
Steller's Jay
Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie
Northern Raven
White-necked Raven
American Crow
Clark's Nutcracker
Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
House Wren
Bewick's Wren
Marsh Wren
Canyon Wren
Rock Wren
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
Sage Thrasher
American Robin
Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

4	5	5	11	11-12	18	18	19	25
CHAT	EV	NCCOL	BACA	LAMAR	NCCOLO	GUAN	BARR	CCK
PLNS	MT	MT PLNS	PLNS	PLAIN	EH PLN	MTNS	PLNS	PLN
		2	5		4	5	6	3
			2	5			4	
			21	5				
						1		
	11							
	2m							
	1						2	
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2		3	2	1	1		6	
		17	105	56	17		24	2
		2	2		1			
	4							
	2							
		2						
		1						
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	2			1	9	1	6	2
				1	2			
2		60	80	32		4		
1	2				8		5	
	3					2		
		320				1		
		6	3		2			
10	6	138	7	43	200		94	2
15		70			2			
			4	3			3	
	4	4			2		4	
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6		1	2	5	1	15	3	37
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9				1	1	2		4
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		2			3		4	
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8	2	6		1	4	6	1	
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			2	2				
		1						
1	2	3	2	2	2	24	27	12
	2	9			11		55	
							1	
							1	

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	4 CHAT PLNS	5 EV MT	5 NCCOL MT PLNS	11 BACA PLNS	11-12 LAMAR PLAIN	18 NCCOLO FH PLN	18 GUAN MTNS	19 BARR PLNS	25 CCK PLN	ADDITIONAL
Water Pipit		10								
Loggerhead Shrike				13	1	1				
European Starling	4		15	2	217	165		112		
Solitary Vireo	1									
"Plumbeous" race						1				
Red-eyed Vireo	1					1				
Warbling Vireo							1			
Virginia's Warbler							1			
Yellow Warbler	2	1m		2		1m		2		
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Audubon's" race		1					8			
Townsend's Warbler						1fe				
Common Yellowthroat	3					13			2	
Yellow-breasted Chat	3					1				
Wilson's Warbler						9	3			
House Sparrow			160	125	20	55	12	67		
Western Meadowlark	5		4	19	5	3		14	1	
Yellow-headed Blackbird			75	5	1	70		1		
Red-winged Blackbird	23		8	7	1	60		42	3	
Northern Oriole										
"Bullock's" race			2	11	6	1				
Brewer's Blackbird			1ma			15		14		
Common Grackle	3		4	7	110	4		52	5	
Brown-headed Cowbird		11		11m	12	4				
Black-headed Grosbeak					3fe					
Blue Grosbeak	2			3m1f	3	3				
Indigo Bunting				2ma						
Lazuli Bunting						3				
Cassin's Finch							1			
House Finch	8		3	3	1	45		38		
Pine Grosbeak		2m								
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		4				6	17			
Pine Siskin			4							
American Goldfinch	18				5	11			12	
Lesser Goldfinch	12					40				
Red Crossbill		2					1			
Green-tailed Towhee		1								
Rufous-sided Towhee	2									
"Spotted" race						16	11			
Lark Bunting			100	1925	150	4		6		
Savannah Sparrow	10		1							
Vesper Sparrow						3				
Lark Sparrow	4		6	30	1	6		17		
Cassin's Sparrow				2						
Gray-headed Junco		8				5	21			
Chipping Sparrow		20		30		10	2	12	1	
Clay-colored Sparrow								4		
Brewer's Sparrow						3				
White-crowned Sparrow		2					3			
Song Sparrow	3					5				
TOTAL SPECIES-172	45	16	90	63	82	106	28	54	29	

Abbreviations: male=m,ma female=f,fe immature=i,im #-nested; young observed in area

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1979 REPORTS:

- Green Heron 8-23 (1) Windsor Lake, Fairmount Cemetery (MS); 8-25 (1 adult) & 8-30 (2 adults) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (PM)
- Least Bittern 8-18 (1 juvenal plus one possible adult female); 8-22 (nest observed); 8-25 (1 juvenal, 1 adult male); 8-28 (1 probable juvenal); 8-30 (1 probable juvenal) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder. "Observations probably refer to members of a single family group as at least one pair nested at this location; at least three different individuals involved. All observations made either at or just after daybreak (8-18, 8-25) or just before sunset (8-28, 8-30) when human activity is minimal". (MH, PM)
- Turkey Vulture 8-18 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
- Mississippi Kite 8-11 (32) & 8-12 (35) Lamar City Park, Lamar, Prowers County (see Field Trip Summaries). An astonishing number of Mississippi Kites in such a confined area! Some 13 to 14 nests were reported during the summer in this small park. The birds are amazingly tame and seemingly undisturbed by activities in the park. Easily observed at sunrise when they are still at roost on the dead limbs of the trees lining a small water course meandering through the area or as they sail forth in search of food. Also readily observed in the late afternoon flying over the city. (JR)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk 8-30 (1 adult) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)
- Golden Eagle 8-18 (1 adult) three miles south of Evergreen (ET)
- Osprey 8-22 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (PM)
- Sora 8-18 (1) "observed on mud flats", Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
- Piping Plover 8-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir. "Small shorebird about the size of a 'peep', light gray head and upper parts, white collar ring, black bill and eyes, yellow legs and feet (definitely winter plumage). Observed also by Dieter Kamm". (FP)
- Willet 8-4 (1) & 8-18 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
- LITTLE TERN 8-12 (7 adults) Blue Lake (Adobe Creek Reservoir), Bent County (see Field Trip Summaries). Charles Chase found three nesting pairs during the summer along the western shore of the reservoir. He also observed newly hatched birds. While those of us who were on the Field Trip easily observed seven adult birds as they fussed continuously about our presence, we failed to find the young birds that were no doubt hiding nearby. Nesting records for this species in Colorado are extremely scarce. (JR)
- Poor-will 8-30 (3, heard calling at dusk above cliffs) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (JR)
- Broad-tailed Hummingbird 8-30 (1 female) Castlewood Canyon State Park (JR)
- Rufous Hummingbird 8-23 (2) Franktown (MS)
- Lewis' Woodpecker 8-30 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)
- Eastern Phoebe 8-18 (1 immature) three miles south of Evergreen. "In the streamside habitat of Lans Gulch, a 'flycatcher type' bird flew to the branch of an aspen tree six to eight feet above the ground. Before seeing the bird, I had heard a 'chip' sound from the vicinity of where I saw it light on the branch. Its back was uniformly dark, no eye ring, no prominent wing bars, but a lighter shaded edging on some wing feathers, breast almost white but washed with a very pale yellow. . . constantly moving its tail, about the size of a Western Flycatcher. Time of observation was 7-10 seconds". (ET)
- Willow Flycatcher 8-18 (1), 8-19 (1), 8-26 (1) backyard, 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood (DR, JR)
- Olive-sided Flycatcher 8-23 (2) Windsor Lake, Fairmount Cemetery (MS)
- Red-breasted Nuthatch 8-30 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (NJ, HS)
- Gray Catbird 8-30 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)
- Sage Thrasher 8-28 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (PM)
- Warbling Vireo 8-9 & 8-10 (adult feeding immature Brown-headed Cowbird) yard at home, Green Mountain, Jefferson County (ME)
- Townsend's Warbler 8-24 (2) & 8-30 (2) 3 miles south of Evergreen (ET)
- MacGillivray's Warbler 8-27 (1), 8-30 (3), 8-31 (1) three miles south of Evergreen (ET)
- Yellow-breasted Chat 8-25 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder (PM)
- Pine Siskin 8-30 (well over 100 coming to roost at dusk) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (DR, JR)
- Red Crossbill 8-30 (7) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)

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- 7, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Tim Davis (841-2315). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest corner opposite May D&F at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, lunch optional.
- 13, Saturday. Marshdale Park area. Leader: Edna Claire Thomas (674-5345). Meet at Public Service Company parking lot in North Evergreen at 8:00 A.M. Carpool at 5031 West 46th Avenue at the Berkley Senior Center (southwest corner of Berkley Park) at 7:15 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, bring lunch *
- 14, Sunday. Devils Head area. Leader: Larry Malone (973-1149). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. *
- 20, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area and Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leaders: Vi and Henry Bossman (781-6855). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:40 A.M. and meet leaders at west side entrance to Cherry Creek Recreation Area at 8:00 A.M. *
- 21, Sunday. Jeffco Nature Center and Genesee Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day, lunch optional.
- 27&28, Saturday and Sunday. Pueblo area. Saturday Leader: Dave Griffiths (1+584-3859). Meet Saturday at Ramada Inn in Pueblo at 8:00 A.M. * Overnight is optional. For carpooling call 455-3924 or 279-4682 no later than October 25th.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 23, 1979

PROGRAM: "Creatures of Galapagos" with Jan and Frank Justice.

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SEPTEMBER 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- SEPTEMBER 1, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir, Highline Canal, Spring Gulch, Jackson Creek, Daniels Park (MR). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Bertha Durfee, Hazel Kellogg, Robert and Shirley Spencer, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, variable, 4-12 MPH; 65°-80°). (33 species)
- 2, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Prospect and Latham Reservoirs (NCCO). Leaders: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. Observers: Lori Chappell, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Dieter Kamm, Dave Pion, Bob Righter. (Clear in A.M., partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, SW, 0-5 MPH; 59°-91°). 12 hours, 167 miles. (98 species)
- 8-9, Saturday and Sunday. FALL COUNT. See supplement attached to this issue of the Lark Bunting for reports from individual areas.
- 15, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Prewitt, Jackson and Prospect Reservoirs (NECO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Clear; Wind, W, 0-15 MPH; 42°-75°). 13 hours, 277 miles. (97 species)
- 15, Saturday. Corwina and Mt. Falcon Parks (MF). Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: Ethel Humphries, Jack Humphries, Inez Prather, Robert Spencer, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, mostly calm; 40°-70°). 45 miles. (31 species)
- 16, Sunday. Boulder/Longmont area (B/L). Leader: Barry Knapp. Observers: Joe and M. J. Cleary. (Fair; 75°). 6 hours. (57 species)
- 22, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek and Morrison Park (LBC). Leaders: Hazel

Kellogg, Sadie Morrison. Observers: Barbara Jubrias, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Merwin Terry, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Slight breeze; 54°-83°). 5 hours, 21 miles. (21 species)

22, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Denver, Union Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Crow Valley Park at Briggsdale, Jackson and Prospect Reservoirs (NCCO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Scattered clouds becoming partly cloudy; Wind, NW, 10-15 MPH; 56°-83°). 12½ hours, 279 miles. (92 species)

23, Sunday. Pawnee National Grassland (PNG). Leader: Nancy Hurley. Observers: Dick and Judy Pratt, Bob Righter, Merwin Terry. (Clear). (43 species)

29, Saturday. Hudson to the Rigli Ranch near Fort Morgan (FTM). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Joe and M. J. Cleary, Cicely Mellor, Robert Spencer, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, light; warm). 8 hours, 159 miles. (34 species)

30, Sunday. Deer Creek area (DC). Leaders: Bobby Ausfahl, Merle Barbour. Observers: Doris Anderson, John and Joyce Cooper, Merwin Terry, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, variable, 0-5 MPH; 60°-75°). 4 hours. (17 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

SEPTEMBER	1	2	8-9	15	15	16	22	22	23	29	30
AREA	MR	NCCO	FALL	NECO	MF	B/L	LBC	NCCO	PNG	FTM	DC
HABITAT	PF	PLNS	COUNTS	PLNS	FH	PLN	PL	FH	PLNS	PLN	FH
Horned Grebe			3					8			
Eared Grebe		2	7	1		1		75			
Western Grebe		180	146	1000		400		2750	4		
Pied-billed Grebe		4	58	9		50		8			
American White Pelican		135	175	711				1060			
Double-crested Cormorant		100	313	60				120	1		
Great Blue Heron	1	87	107	60		10		29	3	1	
Green Heron			2								
Cattle Egret		1						32			
Great Egret			3					1			
Snowy Egret		5	2					4			
Black-crowned Night Heron		1 ad	9								
Canada Goose		225	576	75		200	2	35			
Mallard	3	350	626	2000		50	2	32	20		
Gadwall		1	33	25		25		1 ma			
Common Pintail		200	101	500		1		35			
Green-winged Teal		40	68	50				10			
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.		20	305	40				50			
American Wigeon		3	56	125		10		30	1		
Northern Shoveler		1	34	8				36	4		
Wood Duck		1 ma	3								
Redhead		3	23					3			
Ring-necked Duck						4					
Canvasback			1								
Lesser Scaup			1 fe								
Ruddy Duck		150	26	110		8		6			
Ducks sp.			2500								
Common Merganser			20								

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 MR PF	2 NCCO PLNS	8-9 FALL COUNTS	15 NECO PLNS	15 MF FH	16 B/L PLN	22 LBC PL FH	22 NCCO PLNS	23 PNG PLN	29 FTM PLN	30 DC FH
Turkey Vulture			8	1		4			1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk				2 ad		1			1		
Cooper's Hawk			1	1 ad	1						
Red-tailed Hawk			12		1				3	1	1
"Western" race		2 ad		10				4 ad			
Broad-winged Hawk						1					
Swainson's Hawk	2	16	12	2						1	
Rough-legged Hawk											
Ferruginous Hawk		3 ad						3 ad			
Buteo sp.	1					2					
Northern Harrier		1m6f	5	4 fe				2m6f	3	3	1
Osprey			1								
Prairie Falcon			3	4				1	1		
American Kestrel	2	4	36	21		20	2	15	5	3	1
Common Bobwhite			6								
Ring-necked Pheasant			4	2f1i				4		12	
Sandhill Crane				6							
Virginia Rail		1				1					
Sora		2	3								
American Coot		375	740	1075		200	1	375	40		
American Avocet		5	8	1		6		17			
Semipalmated Plover			3	3							
Killdeer		130	368	150		20	4	165	14	2	
Piping Plover				1							
Mountain Plover									12		
Lesser Golden Plover				1							
Greater Yellowlegs		5	29	8				4	2		
Lesser Yellowlegs		9	178	17		1		53			
Solitary Sandpiper		2	16	1							
Willet			1								
Spotted Sandpiper		6	14	3				5			
Wilson's Phalarope		26	51	3				1			
Northern Phalarope			3	3				20			
Common Snipe			4	4		1					
Long-billed Dowitcher		15	2	11							
Sanderling			1	2				8			
Western Sandpiper		15	65	5				2			
Least Sandpiper		4	13	11				12			
Baird's Sandpiper		30	66	50				75	1		
Pectoral Sandpiper			4					6			
Stilt Sandpiper		1	8	2				6			
Sandpiper sp.			50								
California Gull		13	84	100				35			
Ring-billed Gull		160	527	500		100		285			
Franklin's Gull		130	346	230		600	3	2	1300		
Forster's Tern			4	4		2		2			
Common Tern				2		1					
Black Tern		4	3	1							
Band-tailed Pigeon					1	75					
Rock Dove		11	185	26		50	5	2	400	5	10
Mourning Dove	50	100	593	240		20	1	2	35	100	30
Common Screech Owl			1								
Great Horned Owl		1	4	2						2	

SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT	1 MR PF	2 NCCO PLNS	8-9 FALL COUNTS	15 NECO PLNS	15 MF FH	16 B/L PLN	22 LBC PL FH		22 NCCO PLNS	23 PNG PLN	29 FTM PLN	30 DC FH
Burrowing Owl		6	5						1x	6		
Common Nighthawk			3	1								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2		13		1							
Hummingbird sp.												
Belted Kingfisher	1	1 fe	22	1 ma		2	2		1			
Common Flicker	3		33				9	2				
"Yellow-shafted" race				2								
"Red-shafted" race		3		15	1	15			18	1	4	3
Red-headed Woodpecker		1		1a li								
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker												
"Red-naped" race					1m							
Hairy Woodpecker			7		2							
"eastern" races				2								
Downy Woodpecker	4		25			1						
"eastern" races		8		2					1			
Eastern Kingbird		4	8							1		
Western Kingbird	1	35	40	2		1			1			
Cassin's Kingbird				2								
Say's Phoebe		5	9	3								
Willow Flycatcher		4	3			1						
Hammond's Flycatcher		2										
Dusky Flycatcher			3									
Western Flycatcher			2									
Empidonax sp.			15								1	
Western Pewee		2	23			1						
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	1		1		1						
Horned Lark		150	50	45		1			210	300	150	
Violet-green Swallow			141									
Tree Swallow			109									
Bank Swallow		2	6						2			
Rough-winged Swallow		1	8									
Barn Swallow	15	200	879	125		100			625	50	6	1
Cliff Swallow			9			20			1			
Blue Jay	1			7		1		1	4			
Steller's Jay			49		4							
Scrub Jay	2		20					2				
Black-billed Magpie	14	59	230	9		50	10	15	21	12	20	7
Northern Raven			3									
American Crow			8		1	10						
Black-capped Chickadee	2	22	126	11	2	6		6				10
Mountain Chickadee	1		22		30							
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	12		2	2						
Red-breasted Nuthatch			9	2	2							
Pygmy Nuthatch			22		40							
Brown Creeper			1									
North American Dipper					1							
House Wren	2	4	49	4	2				1			
Marsh Wren		1							1			
Canyon Wren			1									
Rock Wren		8	12	2					1	1	1	
Gray Catbird			12	2								
Brown Thrasher				2					1			

SEPTEMBER	1	2	8-9	15	15	16	22	22	23	29	30	
AREA	MR	NCCO	FALL	NECO	MF	B/L	LBC	NCCO	PNG	FTM	DC	
HABITAT	PF	PLNS	COUNTS	PLNS	FH	PLN	PL	FH	PLNS	PLN	PLN	FH
Sage Thrasher		3	10					2	1	2		
American Robin	35	2	159	30	4	10	3	8	1	3	10	
Hermit Thrush					2			1		1		
Swainson's Thrush				1								
Western Bluebird	1											
Mountain Bluebird			34		10				1			
Townsend's Solitaire			11		12			4	1		3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			7					1			1	
Water Pipit								3	1			
Cedar Waxwing			8									
Loggerhead Shrike		1	3	5								
European Starling	4	300	629	155		150	12	8	415		30	
Solitary Vireo			5		1							
Red-eyed Vireo		1	2					1				
Warbling Vireo		2	2									
Tennessee Warbler										1		
Orange-crowned Warbler		7	28	2				1	1			
Nashville Warbler				1 ma								
Virginia's Warbler			25		1	1						
Northern Parula Warbler			1									
Yellow Warbler	1	1	8	1								
Yellow-rumped Warbler			11									
"Myrtle" race			1					1				
"Audubon's" race			90	3	64	6		5	1	1		
Townsend's Warbler			9		1					1		
Blackpoll Warbler			3									
Ovenbird			1									
MacGillivray's Warbler			6									
Common Yellowthroat		4	14					3				
Yellow-breasted Chat			1									
Wilson's Warbler		65	202	10	1		7	2	2	1		
American Redstart		1 1M	1	1 fe								
House Sparrow	4	125	121	90		20		5	175	21	5	
Western Meadowlark		10	46	7		25			28	50	9	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	165	75	6					800			
Red-winged Blackbird	72	20	516	220		20			675	25	6	
Orchard Oriole			2									
Northern Oriole			5									
"Bullock's" race		1										
Brewer's Blackbird			54	5		6		360				
Common Grackle		2	106	6000		4	5	1	40			
Brown-headed Cowbird		5	1						15			
Western Tanager	2		11		1				1		1	
Black-headed Grosbeak			6									
Blue Grosbeak			3									
Indigo Bunting			1									
Lazuli Bunting		3	1	1								
Bunting sp.			3									
Evening Grosbeak			27			10						
Cassin's Finch					pr							
House Finch	50		49	1		20			10			
Pine Siskin			205						1			
American Goldfinch		1	85	1					1			

SEPTEMBER	1	2	8-9	15	15	16	22	22	23	29	30
AREA	MR	NCCO	FALL	NECO	MF	B/L	LBC	NCCO	PNG	FTM	DC
HABITAT	PF	PLNS	COUNTS	PLNS	FH	PLN	PL	FH	PLNS	PLN	FH
Lesser Goldfinch	27		14								
Goldfinch sp.			6								
Red Crossbill	4		32								
Green-tailed Towhee		1	10		3						
Rufous-sided Towhee	1		47				1	1			
Lark Bunting		1	1	1							
Savannah Sparrow		1	61	2				10		1	
Vesper Sparrow		7	103	300				350	30	170	
Lark Sparrow	2	2	24					1	35		
Northern Junco											
"Oregon" race								3	1	9	
Gray-headed Junco			49		3	2					
Chipping Sparrow		25	193	10	30	10		45	18		1
Clay-colored Sparrow		30	14					3			
Brewer's Sparrow	2		25	2			5	3	2	51	1
Spizella sp.		100	105								
White-crowned Sparrow			2					1	10	35	
White-throated Sparrow										1	
Lincoln's Sparrow			7								
Song Sparrow		1	48								1
Sparrow sp.			50								
McCown's Longspur										3	
Chestnut-collared Longspur										8	
TOTAL SPECIES-190	33	98	157	97	31	57	21	92	43	34	17

ABBREVIATIONS: Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Pair=pr;
Immature Male=iM; Roadkill=x

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1979 REPORTED SIGHTING:

Worm-eating Warbler 8-28 (1 banded) Lykin's Gulch, Boulder Co. (CW)

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1979 REPORTED SIGHTINGS:

Red-necked Grebe 9-29 (1) small pond at Prospect Park at 44th between Kipling and Youngfield (JJC)
American White Pelican 9-29 (70) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
Cattle Egret 9-22 (flock of 39) associating with small herd of cattle on the east side of the intake ditch on south side of Lower Latham Reservoir (along Weld Co. Rd. 48).
This is possibly the largest single flock of Cattle Egrets yet observed within the state of Colorado (DR, JR)
Snowy Egret 9-29 (1) Barr Lake State Park (JR)
Black-crowned Night Heron 9-22 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
Wood Duck 9-17 (1 female or immature) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RW); 9-28 (1 female) north side of Sloan's Lake, Denver (DM)
Lesser Scaup 9-1 (1 female) Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR)
Sharp-shinned Hawk 9-29 (1 adult) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR)
Cooper's Hawk 9-29 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Recreation Area (JR)
Golden Eagle 9-29 (1 immature) Rocky Mountain Arsenal (JR)
Willet 9-29 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
Pectoral Sandpiper 9-1 (2) farm pond at Weld Co. Rds. 6&61 (JR)
Sabine's Gull 9-19 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (IP); 9-20 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (BP, IP); 9-22 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)

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- observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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Patty Echelmeyer wishes to express her thanks to all those members who provided cookies for the dedication meeting at the "Bird Room" in the Denver Museum of Natural History last month.

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FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

ALL DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ARE URGED TO CARPOOL WHEREVER POSSIBLE WHEN GOING ON FIELD TRIPS TO CONSERVE ENERGY. IF YOU CONTEMPLATE GOING ON ANY OF THE SCHEDULED FIELD TRIPS, CONTACT LEADERS AHEAD OF TIME. THE LEADER MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR CARPOOLING.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with the summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" and subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 14, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
5. Deadline for all Field Trips is the fifth of the following month. Any reports re-

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Common Tern 9-11 (5 adults), 9-12 (5 adults, 3 immatures), 9-13 (2 immatures), Union Reservoir, Weld Co. (PM)

Saw-whet Owl 9-29 (1 heard calling at sunrise) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR)

Common Nighthawk Throughout month until 9-24 (1) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver (HK)

Broad-tailed Hummingbird 9-15 (3) Franktown (MS)

Lewis' Woodpecker 9-3 (3) Waterton (MJS)

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9-29 (1 male) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR)

Williamson's Sapsucker 9-20 & 9-21 (1 female) Idledale (BP, IP, JP)

Bank Swallow 9-29 (1) Weld Co. Rds. 6&61 (JR)

Red-breasted Nuthatch 9-15 (1 banded) Franktown (MS); 9-16 (1) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver (HK)

Brown Creeper 9-29 (1) & 9-30 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)

Sage Thrasher 9-15 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

Hermit Thrush 9-24 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle (MS)

Western Bluebird 9-14 (10) Mt. Falcon Park (BP, IP); 9-29 (5) Winkler Ranch, Douglas Co. (JR)

Townsend's Solitaire 9-12 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

Cedar Waxwing 9-1 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 9-3 (24) Waterton (MJS)

Solitary Vireo 9-20 (1 banded) & 9-23 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle (MS); 9-29 (1) & 9-30 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)

Red-eyed Vireo 9-22 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS); 9-30 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)

Warbling Vireo 9-15 (1 banded) Franktown (MS)

Black-and-white Warbler 9-5 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)

Orange-crowned Warbler 9-29 (1) & 9-30 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)

Virginia's Warbler 9-29 (1) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR)

Magnolia Warbler 9-29 (1) & 9-30 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)

Townsend's Warbler 9-1 (1 female) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR); 9-15 (1 banded) Franktown (MS)

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER 9-18 (1) Corwina Park (BP, IP)

Blackpoll Warbler 9-18 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

Ovenbird 9-1 (1) Waterton (MJS)

MacGillivray's Warbler 9-10 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

Wilson's Warbler 11 banded (6 on 9-9) between 9-6 & 9-18 at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

American Redstart 9-13 (1) 869 Milwaukee St., Denver (UK); 9-29 (1 female) Wheat Ridge (PE)

Orchard Oriole 9-1 (1) Muir Springs Park, Morgan Co. (JR)

Western Tanager 11 banded between 9-7 & 9-29 at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

Lazuli Bunting 9-9 (1 banded) & 9-21 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

Lesser Goldfinch 9-29 (3) Castlewood Canyon S.P., Douglas Co. (JR)

Green-tailed Towhee 9-12 (1) & 9-24 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

Red Crossbill 9-29 (12) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas Co. (JR)

Chipping Sparrow 55 banded during September, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of

ceived after this deadline will not be published.

6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1979

- NOVEMBER 3, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest corner opposite May D&F Company. *
- 4, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Joe Cleary (795-7847). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History in the north parking lot. *
- 10, Saturday. Joint trip with the COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS at Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center, southwest corner opposite May D&F Company, at 8:00 A.M. *
- 11, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Fred Hager (238-5582). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the west gate entrance to the recreation area. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip with lunch optional.
- 17, Saturday. Sloan's Lake and Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Paul Rechel (424-1403). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip.
- 18, Sunday. Northwest Denver lakes. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip with lunch optional.
- 24, Saturday. Windsor Lake/Fairmount Cemetery. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 8:00 A.M. south of the mausoleum at Fairmount Cemetery. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip with lunch optional.
- 25, Sunday. Upper Bear Creek/Idledale. Leader: Bill Prather (697-9535). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at West Jewel and Wadsworth in front of WOOLCO. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip with lunch optional.

* BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Field Trip Chairmen

DATE	AREA	HAZARD	Notes
11/3/79	1	1	1
11/4/79	2	2	2
11/10/79	3	3	3
11/11/79	4	4	4
11/17/79	5	5	5
11/18/79	6	6	6
11/24/79	7	7	7
11/25/79	8	8	8
TOTAL			

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

1979 FALL COUNT

SEPTEMBER 8 and 9, 1979

CAROL HACK, Compiler

SEPTEMBER 8 AREA #1-BARR LAKE PERIPHERY (Hudson to Ireland Reservoir, Banner Lakes, Prospect Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld County Roads 6 & 61, and west to Mile High Duck Club and Adams/Weld County Line to I-25). (BLPY). Leader: Harold Holt. Observer: LaVona Holt. (Clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 62°-93°) (81 species)

AREA #2-BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BARR). Leaders: Charles Chase III, Mary Jane Schock, Betsy Webb. Observers: Lisa Bardwell, Bob Buttery, Peter Gent, Pete Moulton, Robert Spencer. (Clear; Wind, calm; 64°-94°). 6:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M. 8½ miles by foot. (100 species)

AREA #3-CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA (CCRA). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observer: Wayne Wathen. (Clear; Wind, calm; 66°-95°) 7:50 A.M.-1:30 P.M. 15 miles by car, 3 by foot. (35 species)

AREA #4-CASTLEWOOD (Colorado Highway 86 bridge over Cherry Creek, south along Castlewood Canyon Road, west along Willow Lake Drive to greenbelt areas along Willow Creek, south through Castlewood Canyon State Park to old damsite). (WOOD). Leader: Paul C. Rechel. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm). (45 species)

SEPTEMBER 9 AREA #5-CHATFIELD/WATERTON (CHAT). Leaders: Jan and Frank Justice, Hugh Kingery. Observers: Patty Abel, Dick Schottler, Bob Taylor, Jack Whiting. (Clear; hot). 10 miles by car, 8 by foot, 6 by boat. 6:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. (82 species)

AREA #6-BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR (BEAR). Leader: Carl Wolf. Observers: Marilyn Allison, John and Joyce Cooper, Margey Elliot, Meagan Elliot, Kent Woodruff. 5:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. (71 species)

AREA #7-RED ROCKS PARK/MORRISON (RRPK). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Ed Morey, Diana Mullineaux, Inez Nesbitt, Vito Tursi. (Sunny; Wind, light). 7 miles by car, 1 by foot. 8:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. (25 species)

AREA #8-EVERGREEN (EVER). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Sylvia Brockner, Ward and Margo Chadwick, Mel Gabel, Rob Kleeman, Larry James Kleeman, Catherine Martin, Ruth Osgood, Jim Standing, Helen Swem, Edna Claire Thomas. (54 species)

DATE AREA AREA # HABITAT	SEPTEMBER 8				SEPTEMBER 9				TOTAL
	BLPY	BARR	CCRA	WOOD	CHAT	BEAR	RRPK	EVER	
	1 PLNS	2 PLNS	3 PLNS	4 PLFH	5 PLNS	6 PLFH	7 FOOT	8 MTNS	
Horned Grebe		3							3
Eared Grebe	3				4				7
Western Grebe	14	131				1			146
Pied-billed Grebe	47	6			4	1			58
American White Pelican		175							175

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	BLPY	BARR	CCRA	WOOD	CHAT	BEAR	RRPK	EVER	
	1 PLNS	2 PLNS	3 PLNS	4 PLFH	5 PLNS	6 PLFH	7 FOOT	8 MTNS	
Double-crested Cormorant	138	44			128	3			313
Great Blue Heron	13	56	13	2	19	4			107
Green Heron					2				2
Great Egret		3							3
Snowy Egret		2							2
Black-crowned Night Heron		4			4	1			9
Canada Goose	27	516				33			576
Mallard	218	193	21	6	144	18		26	626
Gadwall	4	5			20	4			33
Common Pintail	1	99			1				101
Green-winged Teal	17	30		1	14	6			68
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.	11	246		8	40				305
American Wigeon	8	20		2	26				56
Northern Shoveler	6	28							34
Wood Duck		2				1			3
Redhead	22	1							23
Canvasback	1								1
Lesser Scaup	1								1
Ruddy Duck		26							26
Duck sp.		2500							2500
Common Merganser					20				20
Turkey Vulture				8					8
Cooper's Hawk			1						1
Red-tailed Hawk	4	2		3	1	1		1	12
Swainson's Hawk	11	1							12
Northern Harrier			2		1	1		1	5
Osprey					1				1
Prairie Falcon	2							1	3
American Kestrel	4	5	2	2	15	7		1	36
Common Bobwhite		6							6
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	1	2						4
Sora		1			1	1			3
American Coot	343	210	2		185				740
American Avocet	7	1							8
Semipalmated Plover		3							3
Killdeer	37	192	43	3	56	37			368
Greater Yellowlegs	2	21			2	4			29
Lesser Yellowlegs	34	120	2		20	2			178
Solitary Sandpiper	3	10			3				16
Willet	1								1
Spotted Sandpiper	4	3	1		5	1			14
Wilson's Phalarope	20	31							51
Northern Phalarope	3								3
Common Snipe	2			1	1				4
Long-billed Dowitcher	2								2
Sanderling		1							1
Western Sandpiper	21	25	17			2			65
Least Sandpiper	12	1							13
Baird's Sandpiper	28	23	4		11				66
Pectoral Sandpiper	4								4
Stilt Sandpiper	8								8
"Peep" sandpipers sp.		50							50

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	BLPY	BARR	CCRA	WOOD	CHAT	BEAR	RRPK	EVER	
	1 PLNS	2 PLNS	3 PLNS	4 PLFH	5 PLNS	6 PLFH	7 FOOT	8 MTNS	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	1		1	1		3	7
Cedar Waxwing					8				8
Loggerhead Shrike	1	1				1			3
European Starling	121	436			45	26		1	629
Solitary Vireo		1		2				2	5
Red-eyed Vireo		2							2
Warbling Vireo		2			3				5
Orange-crowned Warbler		21				6		1	28
Virginia's Warbler		2		1	8	9	4	1	25
Northern Parula Warbler					1				1
Yellow Warbler		2			4	2			8
Yellow-rumped Warbler		4			2	5			11
"Myrtle" race							1		1
"Audubon's" race								90	90
Townsend's Warbler	1	5				1		2	9
Blackpoll Warbler		3							3
Ovenbird	1								1
MacGillivray's Warbler		4			2				6
Common Yellowthroat		13	1						14
Yellow-breasted Chat						1			1
Wilson's Warbler	8	99	8	4	54	11	8	10	202
American Redstart					1				1
House Sparrow	64	45		10		2			121
Western Meadowlark	6	11	1	3	11	14			46
Yellow-headed Blackbird	10	50	10		5				75
Red-winged Blackbird	320	44	3	5	4	140			516
Orchard Oriole	2								2
Northern Oriole	2	2			1				5
Brewer's Blackbird			10		35	5		4	54
Common Grackle	44	6		18		30		8	106
Brown-headed Cowbird					1				1
Western Tanager		3			3		3		11
Black-headed Grosbeak					1			5	6
Blue Grosbeak		3							3
Indigo Bunting		1							1
Lazuli Bunting					1				1
Bunting sp.		3							3
Evening Grosbeak					1			26	27
House Finch	18	1		20	1	6	3		49
Pine Siskin				10	1	22		172	205
American Goldfinch		2	3		48	31		1	85
Lesser Goldfinch				2	10			2	14
Goldfinch sp.							6		6
Red Crossbill								32	32
Green-tailed Towhee		2			4	4			10
Rufous-sided Towhee				10	32	1	4		47
Lark Bunting	1								1
Savannah Sparrow	8	2		30	8	12		1	61
Vesper Sparrow	27	20		6	22	16		12	103
Lark Sparrow	14		1		2	1		6	24

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DATE	SEPTEMBER 8				SEPTEMBER 9				
AREA	BLPY	BARR	CCRA	WOOD	CHAT	BEAR	RRPK	EVER	
AREA #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	PLFH	PLNS	PLFH	FOOT	MTNS	TOTAL
Chipping Sparrow	14	24	6	2	9	4	1	133	193
Gray-headed Junco								49	49
Clay-colored Sparrow	4	7			3				14
Brewer's Sparrow	6	2		10		5		2	25
Spizella sp.		55			50				105
White-crowned Sparrow						1	1		2
Lincoln's Sparrow		1				6		1	8
Song Sparrow		1	2	2	3	37	1	2	48
Sparrow sp.							50		50
TOTAL SPECIES-157	81	100	35	45	82	71	25	54	157
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS-14031	2512	6841	532	296	1818	795	184	1053	14031

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NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 27, 1979

PROGRAM: "Urban Wildlife and Bear Creek Reservoir" with Carl Wolf.

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OCTOBER 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- OCTOBER 6, Saturday. Southwest Denver area: Waterton to Chatfield State Park (on foot) Castle Rock, Castlewood Canyon State Park, Cherry Creek Reservoir (SWDNVR).
Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, 5-15 MPH; 54°-79°). 9½ hours, 93 miles. (73 species)
- 6, Saturday. Ken-Caryl Ranch (CARL). Leaders: Ward and Margo Chadwick.
Observers: Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Mary Robinson, Mary Jane Schock, Merwin Terry, Helen Tripp, Don and Eva Turnquist, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny; Warm). 5½ hours, 52 miles. (33 species)
- 7, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Observers: Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Merwin Terry, Vito Tursi. (Partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 10-15 MPH; 59°-81°). 4½ hours, 16 miles. (45 species)
- 13, Saturday. Marshdale Park three miles south of Evergreen (EVER). Leader: Edna Claire Thomas. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Lulita Pritchett, Mary Jane Schock, Merwin Terry, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 25°-69°). 5 hours, 7½ miles. (28 species)
- 14, Sunday. Devil's Head, Pike National Forest (PIKE). Leader: Wayne Wathen. Observers: Merwin Terry, Vito Tursi. (Partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 50°-70°). 7 hours, 74 miles. (19 species)
- 20, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area and Castlewood Canyon area (CCCW).
Leaders: Vi and Henry Bossman. Observers: Karen Felmlee, Warren Finch,

Marc Goodbody, Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy). 7 hours, 76 miles. (50 species)

21, Sunday. Jeffco Nature Center and Genesee Park. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

27-28, Saturday and Sunday. Pueblo area: Pueblo, C.F.&I. Lakes, Colorado City, Rye, Red Creek Road, Pueblo Reservoir (PUEBLO). Leaders: Dave and Carolyn Griffiths. Observers: Donna Bosley, Mel Hull, Hazel Kellogg, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Warm). 7½ hours on Saturday; 3½ hours on Sunday. (79 species)

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OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	6 SWDNVR PLN FH	6 CARL PLFH	7 CHAT PLNS	13 EVER MTNS	14 PIKE FH MT	20 CCCW PLN FH	27-28 PUEBLO PLFH
Common Loon						1	
Horned Grebe	8		1			2	14
Eared Grebe	49		32			51	19
Western Grebe	1		1			25	9
Pied-billed Grebe	3		3			1	7
Double-crested Cormorant	4		25				
Great Blue Heron	5					7	6
Green Heron			1				
Canada Goose						16	
Mallard	20	15	30			29	54
Gadwall	2		5				56
Common Pintail	35	14	1				22
Green-winged Teal	25	9	2			10	41
Blue-winged Teal							17
American Wigeon	100	2	100			2	63
Northern Shoveler	2						5
Wood Duck	6		3fe			1	
Redhead							71
Ring-necked Duck							43
Canvasback							135
Lesser Scaup							1
Bufflehead							1
Ruddy Duck	32		110				21
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1		1		1	1
Cooper's Hawk						1	
Red-tailed Hawk							4
"Western" race	6						
Ferruginous Hawk							2
Golden Eagle		2					
Northern Harrier	5fe	1	1fe			8	2
Osprey			1				
Prairie Falcon	1						
American Kestrel	3		1			2	5
Ring-necked Pheasant						7	1
American Coot	850		300			205	174
Killdeer	25	1				13	58
Black-bellied Plover							1

OCTOBER
AREA
HABITAT

Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs
Common Snipe
Long-billed Dowitcher
Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Parasitic Jaeger
Herring Gull
California Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Franklin's Gull
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Common Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker
Hairy Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race
eastern races
Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Horned Lark
Barn Swallow
Blue Jay
Steller's Jay
Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie
Northern Raven
American Crow
Pinyon Jay
Clark's Nutcracker
Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Bewick's Wren
Marsh Wren
Rock Wren
Sage Thrasher
American Robin
Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Water Pipit
Cedar Waxwing

6	6	7	13	14	20	27-28
SWDNVR	CARL	CHAT	EVER	PIKE	CCCW	PUEBLO
PLN	PLFH	PLNS	MTNS	FH	PLN	PLFH
		1			1	2
5						
4						
4						17
4						3
						1
						1
			1			
40		2			3	
110		9			129	66
1					2	23
7	8	110			11	213
2	1	4			7	8
3		1ma	1			2
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6					2	98
125	1	4				
				1		3
	2		25	8		4
	5	14			5	13
40	5	5	23	3	20	69
1			4	1		4
		14			4	21
						15
				1		
16		6	6	10	11	4
1	4	1	15	7	2	3
			4			
			6	2		
	5		6		20	4
	1		2			
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						1
		3				6
11	2	3	165	8	8	56
	6				4	
	10	33				8
	3	3		1	3	13
2			5		1	
4					6	24
			1			

OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	6 SWDNVR PLN FH		6 CARL PLFH	7 CHAT PLNS	13 EVER MTNS	14 PIKE FH MT		20 CCCW PLN FH		27-28 PUEBLO PLFH
Northern Shrike										1
Loggerhead Shrike										1
European Starling	70		1	110		12				314
Solitary Vireo										
"Plumbeous" race	1									
Orange-crowned Warbler	2		1		1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler										
"Myrtle" race	1									
"Audubon's" race	33			20	13	4				1
Wilson's Warbler	1ma				1					
House Sparrow	35		35							44
Western Meadowlark	11		5	10				10		29
Yellow-headed Blackbird										2
Red-winged Blackbird	40		1	30		2		30		16
Brewer's Blackbird								1		22
Common Grackle	15			8						1158
Evening Grosbeak	3				50					
Cassin's Finch					20					
House Finch	8			15				2		31
Pine Siskin	12	6	56	15					2	143
American Goldfinch	2		4	10				13		7
Lesser Goldfinch	3									
Red Crossbill					30		35			
Green-tailed Towhee			1						1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	9	2	11	2		1				
Brown Towhee										12
Savannah Sparrow	5									
Vesper Sparrow			6	1						
Northern Junco					7		1			
"White-winged" race										1
"Slate-colored" race									12	1
"Oregon" race	2		1						18	6
Gray-headed Junco		4	1		11				3	7
Chipping Sparrow	15			5	2					
Brewer's Sparrow	3			1						
White-crowned Sparrow	17		18	10	15					51
Lincoln's Sparrow	1									
Song Sparrow	6			4	1			2		4
TOTAL SPECIES-116		73	33	45	28	19		50		79

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma; Female=fe

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1979 REPORTED SIGHTINGS:

Snowy Egret 10-20 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 Wood Duck 10-20 (10) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 10-13 (1) Evergreen (ECT)
 Ferruginous Hawk 10-11 (1) Alameda and the hogback, Jefferson Co. (MS); 10-22 (1) Evergreen (ECT)
 Golden Eagle 10-11 (3) Ken-Caryl Ranch (MS)
 Osprey 10-20 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 Peregrine Falcon 10-27 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
 Sandhill Crane 10-21 at 4:40 P.M. (200) flying northeast over 10832 West 28th Place, Lakewood (NH); also observed at 2695 Newland St., Lakewood a bit later (PE)

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Common Snipe 10-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
Sanderling 10-20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
Herring Gull 10-13 (20) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
Eastern Phoebe 10-20(1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
Barn Swallow 10-11 (6) Chatfield State Park (MS)
Red-breasted Nuthatch 10-1 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Brown Creeper 10-16 (1) and 10-26 (1) both banded at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Hermit Thrush 10-27 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Water Pipit 10-20 (10) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
Solitary Vireo ("Blue-headed" race) 10-27 (1) Colorado University campus, north side
near University Avenue, Boulder - "prominent spectacles against dark gray head, yellow
on belly and into wings and tail" (RS)
Black-and-white Warbler 10-27 (1 immature male) Colorado University campus, north side
near University Avenue, Boulder (RS)
Orange-crowned Warbler 10-3 (1), 10-14 (1), 10-26 (1) all banded at 161 Del Mar Circle,
Aurora (MS); 10-20 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
Nashville Warbler 10-12 (1) Evergreen (ECT)
Townsend's Warbler 10-2 (1) Evergreen (ECT)
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER 10-30 (1 female) - "I saw the Blackburnian during a snowstorm in
the streamside habitat three miles south of Evergreen where I have seen so many other
warblers not common for this part of the country. It flew from a coniferous tree
near the stream across the road in front of me to a ponderosa where it appeared to be
searching for food; and then returned to the streamside trees again". (ECT)
Common Yellowthroat 10-1 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Cassin's Finch 10-26 (1 banded) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Northern Junco ("White-winged" race) 10-15 (9 banded) Franktown (MS); 10-22 (1) and
10-23 (1) both banded at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
Chipping Sparrow "banded 5 in October at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora compared to 55
banded in September-last one on 10-18" (MS)
White-throated Sparrow 10-27 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1979 REPORTED SIGHTING:

"... we had a female RIVOLI'S (MAGNIFICENT) HUMMINGBIRD come to our feeder the even-
ing of September 1st (Evergreen). It came in to feed several times, but was not seen
after that evening" (ECT)

"On September 13th while birding in my 'bird patch' (three miles south of Evergreen -?)
a Barn Owl flew overhead" (ECT)

CONTRIBUTORS: Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Nancy Henke (NH), Frank and Jan Justice (FJJ),
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Claire Thomas (ECT).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed.
However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed
as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from
scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of
observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month.
Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with the summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" or subspecies was published in Volume 14, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
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6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1979

- DECEMBER 1, Saturday. Northwest Ramblings. Leader: Roland Olderog (429-1024). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 2, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leaders: Helen Singer (756-2808) and Nancy Jones (758-1463). Meet at west entrance to Cherry Creek Recreation Area at 8:00 A.M. *
- 8&9, Saturday and Sunday. CHRISTMAS PRE-COUNTS (see details further on in this issue).
- 15, Saturday. DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT (see details further on in this issue)

NO FURTHER TRIPS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH

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SUBMITTED BY: ROBERT SPENCER 9279-4682)
RUTH WHEELER (455-3924)

Field Trip Chairmen

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1979

COUNT LEADERS: Mary Jane Schock, Frank Justice, Jo Trainor

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Bear Valley.

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins, Hugh Kingery, Jack Reddall

Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to count in his or her area OR call the COUNT LEADER if you would like to help count in an area which needs more counters. Area Leaders please contact the Count Leader before the Count to indicate how many you have in your group.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PLEASE NOTE: To be a participant in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, one must pay a fee of \$1.50. All observers taking part in the Count must be accounted for and their fees paid as directed by the National Audubon Society. This is used to help defray the cost of publishing the 500 page American Birds Christmas Count Edition which is published in July at a cost of \$5.50 per copy. You may order it from your Leader if you wish.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers. Pre-count scouting trips which have been scheduled follow the main Count arrangements.

<u>AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Red Rocks Park.....	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek.....	Bob Spencer 279-4682
	Sadie Morrison 388-1488
2a. Mount Carbon Dam area.....	Carl Wolf 986-3416
3. BowMar.....	Joe Roller 232-2304
4. Lower South Platte.....	Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
	Charles Chase 575-3911 (work)
5. Highline Ditch.....	Bill Prather 697-9535
6. Plum Creek.....	Fred Hager 238-5582
7. Middle South Platte.....	Dave Hutchinson 936-3466 (work)
	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield Reservoir.....	Frank and Jan Justice 936-4547
9. Upper South Platte.....	Jerome Besser 985-4816
10. Lower Deer Creek Canyon.....	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek.....	Wayne Wathen 985-9279
12. Yegge Peak.....	Nancy Hurley 757-0837
13. Doublehead Mountain.....	Bob Righter 573-7730
14. North Turkey Creek.....	Warren Finch 233-3372
15. Indian Hills.....	Dieter Kamm 697-9681
16. Upper Bear Creek.....	Mel Gable 674-6270
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch.....	Bob Rozinski 623-7430
18. Garrison Gate.....	Judd Sundine 423-6866
19. Morrison-Willow Brook Estates.....	Mildred Snyder 366-7610
20. Willow Creek.....	Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
21. Mount Lindo to Willow Springs.....	Bob Buttery 986-0698

PRE-COUNT SCOUTING TRIPS: (Call Area Leaders for arrangements)

DECEMBER 8, Saturday

Area Number 2
4a
6
7b
11
17

DECEMBER 9, Sunday

Area Number 1
2a
5

OTHERS

Area Number 3, Tuesday, 12/11
4b, call leader
10, call leader
13, Friday, 12/14
14, weekday
16, Friday, 12/14
20, weekday



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 15, 1979

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT COMPILATION MEETING - 5:00 P.M. at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Bear Valley Shopping Center (this is a change from last year).

JANUARY MEETING: January 22, 1980

PROGRAM: "Birds of 1979", a slide program with Harold Holt.

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NOVEMBER 1979 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- NOVEMBER 3, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Prospect Reservoir, Wiggins, Weldona, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Orchard (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 0-10 MPH; 29°-53°). 10½ hours, 237 miles. (69 species)
- 3, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek (LBC). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Merwin Terry. (Overcast becoming fair; Wind, light; 40°-60°). (31 species)
- 4, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Joe Cleary. Observers: M. J. Cleary, John and Joyce Cooper, Larry Kramer, Mima Nobuzoski (Japan), Bob Righter, Karen Taylor. (Clear to cloudy; Wind, 10-15 MPH; 40°-55°). 7 hours, 26 miles. (42 species)
- 10, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Joint DFO-CFO Field Trip. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Joanne Abbott, Bob Andrews, Chip Blake, Charles Chase, John and Joyce Cooper, Mark Holmgren, Joy Jackson, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Merwin Terry, Ruth Wheeler, Martha Zoetewey. (Clear, skiff of new snow on ground; Wind, S, light to moderate; 25°-47°). 7 hours, 13 miles. (60 species)

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- NOVEMBER 11, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Fred Hager. Observers: Warren Finch, Bill Prather, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy becoming clear; Wind, variable, 0-5 MPH; 32°-44°). 4 hours, 8 miles. (50 species)
- 17, Saturday. Sloan's Lake and Clear Creek Greenbelt (BELT). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Jack Humphries, Hazel Kellogg, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer, E. J. Warren, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 60°). (29 species)
- 18, Sunday. Lakes northwest of Denver (LAKE). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: John and Joyce Cooper, Barbara Jubrias, Don and Diana Mullin-eaux, Carol Potera, Laverne Smith (Washington, D.C.), Merwin Terry. (Cloudy; Windy; Cool). 5 hours, 20 miles. (35 species)
- 18, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Prospect Reservoir, Weldona, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (High overcast to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 5-10 MPH shifting to NE, 10-15 MPH; 36°-56°). 10 hours, 239 miles. (62 species)
- 24, Saturday. Fairmount Cemetery and Windsor Lake (FAIR). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Susan and Thompson Marsh, Jack Reddall. (Clear with 18" of snow on ground; lake frozen; 20°-30°). 3 hours, 1½ miles on foot). (25 species)
- 25, Sunday. Idledale. Leader: Bill Prather. TRIP CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

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Common Loon	6			3	7			6	
Arctic Loon								1	
Horned Grebe	3			12	50	2	3		
Eared Grebe	75		1	7	150			6	
Western Grebe	250			196	100			20	
Pied-billed Grebe				11	1		5	3	
American White Pelican	20		3					1	
Double-crested Cormorant	100		1	5					
Great Blue Heron	4		1	1	1				
Whistling Swan				2					
Canada Goose	130		1	135	171	300	125	3900	120
Snow Goose ("White" form)					1a11				
Mallard	8500	19	42	80	32	100	50	28600	1 ma
Gadwall	4	4		70	4	10	20	50	
Common Pintail	15	12	12	40	4	1	3	130	
Green-winged Teal	20		1	200	4	10	3	4	
Blue-winged Teal sp.	10			4					
American Wigeon	15	2		30	2	40	285	1 fe	
Northern Shoveler	25			33	4	100	175	4	
Wood Duck				1					
Redhead	6	4		16	2		60	1 ma	
Ring-necked Duck				10			335		
Canvasback	5			2	7		4		
Lesser Scaup	16	2		75	6	4	22	15	

NOVEMBER

AREA

HABITAT

Common Goldeneye

Bufflehead

Ruddy Duck

Hooded Merganser

Common Merganser

Red-breasted Merganser

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

"Western" race

"Harlan's" race

Swainson's Hawk

Rough-legged Hawk

Ferruginous Hawk

Golden Eagle

Northern Harrier

Prairie Falcon

Merlin

American Kestrel

Ring-necked Pheasant

American Coot

Killdeer

Black-bellied Plover

Long-billed Curlew

Common Snipe

Long-billed Dowitcher

Least Sandpiper

Baird's Sandpiper

Pectoral Sandpiper

Dunlin

Herring Gull

California Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Franklin's Gull

Bonaparte's Gull

Rock Dove

Mourning Dove

Great Horned Owl

Long-eared Owl

Belted Kingfisher

Common Flicker

"Red-shafted" race

Hairy Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

"Batchelder's" race

eastern races

Horned Lark

Blue Jay

Steller's Jay

Scrub Jay

Black-billed Magpie

Northern Raven

3

NECO

PLNS

3

LBC

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NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	3 NECO PLNS	3 LBC PL FH	4 BARR PLNS	10 CHAT PLNS	11 CCRA PLNS	17 BELT PLNS	18 LAKE PLNS	18 NECOL PLAIN	24 FAIR PLNS
American Crow			38	38			21		
Black-capped Chickadee	8	1	14	3	3			11	2
Mountain Chickadee									1
Red-breasted Nuthatch									2
Brown Creeper			6						2
North American Dipper		1	1						
Canyon Wren			2						
American Robin	3	1	1				1	2	
Eastern Bluebird	1								
Townsend's Solitaire			1						2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			4						
Water Pipit	2			8	1				
Cedar Waxwing	1							4	
Northern Shrike	3 ad	1		1	1 ad		1	2 ad	
European Starling	1300	21	67	6		50	220	900	8
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1 fe			2					
Yellow-rumped Warbler									
"Myrtle" race	1								
"Audubon's" race	2	1							
House Sparrow	225		15				2	190	35
Western Meadowlark	265	1	86	3	10			35	5
Red-winged Blackbird	515		140	1	10	6		1080	35
Brewer's Blackbird								1 mlf	
Brown-headed Cowbird				1					
Blackbird sp.							1		
Northern Cardinal								1 ma	
Evening Grosbeak		16							
House Finch	1	5	9	1	15	12	11	1	20
Pine Siskin	3		2					1	
American Goldfinch	22		27			1		17	5
Rufous-sided Towhee				2					
Northern Junco									
"White-winged" race	1			1					1
"Slate-colored" race	1	1	6	1	1	2		1	5
"Oregon" race	65	6	53	6	1	6		40	65
American Tree Sparrow	100	5	5	35	5			60	10
White-crowned Sparrow	55		11	2		1	4	30	18
White-throated Sparrow	2							1 im	
Song Sparrow	9	1	13	3	3	3	1	20	8
TOTAL SPECIES-103	69	31	42	60	50	29	35	62	25

ABBREVIATIONS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1979 REPORTED SIGHTINGS:

Common Loon 11-8 (1) & 11-16 (2) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 RED-THROATED LOON 11-24 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
 American White Pelican 11-2 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS); 11-3 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP)
 Black-crowned Night Heron 11-4 (1 immature) South Platte River and 3rd Avenue (PE)
 Whistling Swan 11-10 (1 adult, 1 immature) on reservoir just east of Waterton bridge, Douglas County (JR); 11-18 (1 adult, 1 immature) McClelland Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (BP, IP, JP); 11-24 (6) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ); 11-25 (6) Chatfield Res. (PE)

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ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1979 REPORTED SIGHTINGS (continued):

Greater White-fronted Goose 11-24 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Snow Goose 11-24 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
Surf Scoter 11-8 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
Hooded Merganser 11-3 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (FP); 11-10 (1 male) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Red-breasted Merganser 11-10 (17) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
WHITE-TAILED KITE 11-12 (1 adult) Soda Lakes, Morrison, Jefferson County (RNG) - based upon written report submitted by the observers.
Sharp-shinned Hawk 11-25 (1) Green Mountain (ME); 11-30 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)
Sandhill Crane 11-10 (80) flying low over Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)
Bonaparte's Gull 11-24 (20) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Mourning Dove 11-24 (2) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Sage Thrasher 11-25 (1) 88th and Alkire, Jefferson County (RO)
Eastern Bluebird 11-13 & 11-14 (2 males, 1 female) Morrison (BP)
Golden-crowned Kinglet 11-10 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)
Cedar Waxwing 11-20 (15) Lakewood (DM)
Black-throated Blue Warbler 11-2 through 11-6 (1 male) Green Mountain (ME)
Rusty Blackbird 11-12 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt near Youngfield (PE)
Common Grackle 11-7 & 11-8 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS); 11-10 (2) 4450 So. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village (JR); 11-29 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)
Evening Grosbeak 11-21 (4 males, 2 females) Green Mountain (ME)
Cassin's Finch 11-10 (1) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 11-10 (3) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County (JR)
Rufous-sided Towhee 11-20 (2) Wheat Ridge (PE, EW)
Northern Junco ("White-winged" race) 11-20 (1) Wheat Ridge (PE)
Harris' Sparrow 11-10 (1) Waterton (JR); 11-19 (1) Idledale (BP, IP, JP); 11-20 (1) Wheat Ridge (EW)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Mary Jane Schock - 2695 So. Winona Court, Denver, Colorado. Telephone: 922-3144

Robert Andrews has returned from Venezuela and has requested that the following notice be published in the Lark Bunting:

BARR LAKE MATERIALS DEPOSITED IN THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Barr Lake and the adjacent portion of Adams County have been one of the most fruitful and most studied areas in Colorado from an ornithological standpoint, and much information on that area has accumulated over the years. All of this material has now been collected by Robert Andrews and has been deposited in the Department of Zoological Collections at the Denver Museum of Natural History. This material consists of a listing of known records for each species recorded from the area, and the personal, unpublished field notes and censuses of Robert Andrews. The material is based on the works of early ornithologists such as Rockwell and Niedrach, the collection of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Numerous field trips by individuals and groups of amateur ornithologists (primarily from the Denver Field Ornithologists) and the four years of field work conducted by Robert Andrews for the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and the Denver Audubon Society. It is hoped that this material will serve as a basis for future reference and field work in this productive area, and all interested persons are invited and encouraged to use it as such.

NOTICE: Dr. Robert R. Cohen, ornithologist at Metropolitan State College, will again be offering his introductory course in ornithology at Metropolitan State College this coming Spring Semester. MSC's Spring Semester begins 21 January and ends 9 May. The course, Biology 428, has the prerequisite of a course in general zoology, or permission of the instructor. Lectures will be held at 8:35 to 9:30 A.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and laboratories and field trips from 8:35 to 11:50 A.M. on Thursdays. A weekend trip to the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge will be held in mid-March, and a Saturday or Sunday trip will be made to Barr Lake in early May. The lectures will emphasize the food habits and habitats of birds of common orders and families, the evolutionary history of birds, anatomical and physiological adaptations for flight and for high metabolic rates, breeding ecology, population dynamics, behavior, mechanisms of flight and migration. Laboratories include studies of feather structure, morphology and anatomy. The course does not emphasize field identification. For further information call Dr. Cohen at 629-3195, 629-3213, or 278-1697. Admission Fee: \$10.00. Registration Fee: \$104.00. Total cost: \$114.00.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

ALL DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ARE URGED TO CARPOOL WHEREVER POSSIBLE WHEN GOING ON FIELD TRIPS TO CONSERVE ENERGY. IF YOU CONTEMPLATE GOING ON THE SCHEDULED FIELD TRIPS LISTED BELOW, PLEASE CONTACT THE LEADERS AHEAD OF TIME. THEY MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR CARPOOLING.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.

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2. Along with the summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
 3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" or subspecies was published in Volume 14, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
 4. On Field Trips where more than one Life Zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g. Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
 5. Deadline for all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
 6. Please notify the Editor (Telephone: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1980

- JANUARY 5, Saturday. Denver Urban-South Platte. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at King Soopers Parking Lot, south Federal and Bellevue. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.
- 6, Sunday. Bear Creek Parks and Greenbelt. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner of parking lot), south Sheridan and Hampden at 8:00 A.M. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.
- 12, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, Crown Hill, Mt. Olivet, Prospect Park, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 13, Sunday. Raptor trip to Northeastern Colorado (Prospect Reservoir, Wiggins, Fort Morgan, Jackson Reservoir). Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at Voyager Inn Motel, I-70 at Chambers Road at 7:00 A.M. * Please call leader if you plan to go on this trip as local weather and road conditions will dictate whether we can make the trip. Alternate trip will be to Barr Lake State Park, Rocky Mountain Arsenal.
- 19, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at west gate at 8:00 A.M. (cars not used may be left at Cherry Creek High School parking lot). *
- 20, Sunday. Idledale area feeders and nearby mountain parks. Leader: Bill Prather (697-9535). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Woolco (north side of Jewel west of Wadsworth. Trip will end soon after lunch. *
- 26, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner of parking lot), south Sheridan and Hampden at 8:00 A.M. *
- 27, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Park. Leader: Les Robinette (986-2332). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Green Mountain Plaza (second traffic light west of Union) on Alameda Parkway. 1/2-day trip. Lunch optional.

* BRING LUNCH

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Spencer
Ruth Wheeler
Field Trip Chairmen

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

National Wildlife Federation Mid-winter Bald Eagle Survey

The nation-wide bald eagle survey will be conducted again this winter. The results from last year show 316 bald eagles wintering in Colorado; 213 adults, 100 immature and 3 unknown. Approximately 9500 were found throughout the United States. The Colorado Division of Wildlife will co-ordinate the count in Colorado January 2-20 with target counting days January 11 and 12. Observers are needed for all areas in Colorado. Anyone who will be in the field during this period and who will identify/count immature and adult bald eagles is welcome to participate. The necessary forms are available from each Regional Non-game Biologist. If you live in southeast Colorado, please call or write Chuck Loeffler, 473-2945, Colorado Division of Wildlife, 2126 N. Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80907. This area includes Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Lamar, Trinidad, etc. Those in northeast Colorado (Boulder, Denver, Longmont, Evergreen, Fort Collins, Greeley, etc.) please contact Ted Washington, 484-2836, Colorado Division of Wildlife, 317 W. Prospect, Fort Collins, CO 80526. All other areas should contact Patsy Goodman, Survey Co-ordinator, Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216 (825-1192). A form outlining needed information will be sent to you promptly. This includes numbers, age, location, date, time, and activity of eagles observed. Your participation in this project will aid in the knowledge of wintering bald eagles in the United States. Thanks.

Individuals who can conduct eagle counts throughout the winter at major Colorado reservoirs are urged to contact Lynn Fisher, Water and Power Resources Services (formerly Bureau of Reclamation) at 234-3779 (Denver). Highest priority reservoirs include Horsetooth Reservoir, Carter Lake, Pinewood Lake, Flatirons Reservoir, Estes Lake, Mary's Lake, Pueblo Reservoir, and Bonny Reservoir, but all reservoirs are of interest. Lynn is particularly interested in co-ordinating ground counts with aerial surveys.

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LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

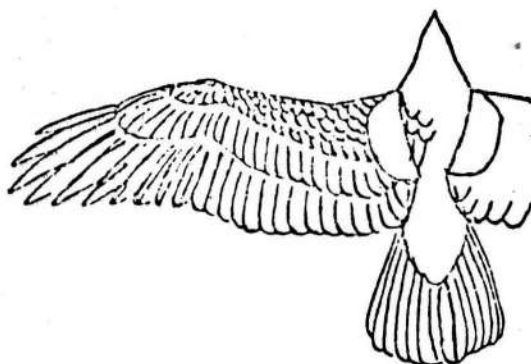
INFORMATION REQUESTED ON SIGHTINGS

OF WING-TAGGED BALD EAGLES

Bald Eagles are being captured and marked along McDonald Creek, Glacier National Park, northwestern Montana. This site is a temporary stop for the eagles on their way south to wintering areas.

In 1978 and 1979 a bright orange wing marker (3 by 5½ inches) was placed next to the body on each wing. In 1977, the markers were bright yellow. The accompanying sketches show the locations of the markers on the birds while perched and in flight. Orange markers are coded A11 to A99. Yellow markers are coded M01 to M10. It is important to report codes if they can be read because birds marked in Colorado have bright yellow markers, but are coded C01 to C99.

Sightings of marked birds will help determine migration routes, wintering areas, and nesting areas.



INFORMATION NEEDED

1. Was the eagle an adult (white head and tail) or a subadult (various combinations of dark and light body plumage)?
2. Marker color and number.
3. Exact location where eagle was observed.
4. Date and time of sighting.
5. Activity of bird.
6. Were other eagles nearby, and how many?
7. Observer's name, address and telephone number.

Please report sightings to:

Bald Eagle Project
Glacier National Park
c/o Riley McClelland
West Glacier, MT 59936
Phone: 406-888-5441 or 888-5465

and to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bird Banding Laboratory
Laurel, MD 20811

or call 888 5504
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